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MLAs, ticket aspirants flock to Ganesha pandals

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With about eight months to go for the Assembly polls, politicians are making the best use of Ganesha festival to reach out to voters. People's representatives, ticket aspirants, and their supporters are offering donations generously for community celebrations and distributing gifts.

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Nano urea fast-tracked for approval despite incomplete trials

Three seasons of assessment by ICAR is required to approve a new fertilizer

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

Nano urea, a product developed by the Indian Farmers and Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) and heavily advertised by the Central government as a panacea to reduce farmer dependence on packaged urea, is yet to be fully tested despite having been fast-tracked for commercial application. Normally, three seasons of independent assessment by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is required for approving a new fertilizer, but in the case of nano urea this was reduced to two. Moreover scientists are still unclear if the product can on its own cut farmers' dependence on urea.

Crucial fertilizer

Nano urea is a patented and indigenously made liquid that contains nanoparticles of urea, the most crucial chemical fertilizer for farmers in India. A single half-litre bottle of the liquid can compensate for a 45 kg sack of urea that farmers traditionally rely on, it is claimed.

Rushed process: Despite nano urea, packaged urea is vital for the initial stages of crop development. • VIJAY SONEJI

Minister of Health, Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya has claimed that by 2025, India's domestic urea production as well as production of nano urea would together mean India would be "self-sufficient" and would no longer require the 90 lakh tonnes that it imported every year and would save the country close to ₹40,000 crore.

The standard practice in the cultivation of crops such as wheat, rice, mustard is to use at least two 45-kg sacks of urea, which is an inorganic compound and the crops' main source of nitrogen. The first packet is applied during the early sowing or transplantation stage of the crop. The second stage application is done when the plant has sprouted a canopy of leaves, and is approaching the reproductive phase of plant growth.

However, a crucial point omitted in government communication around nano urea is that the traditional, packaged urea is still necessary during the initial stage, as basal nitrogen, of crop development. The nano urea could be useful once the plant grew after which the product could be sprayed on its leaves.

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"Based on the experiments, it was evident that 50% of the top-dressed urea (second stage application) could be replaced but not basal nitrogen," Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, former Director General of the ICAR, told *The Hindu*, "In most cases yields weren't affected and some instances the crop yield increased."

Based on a year (two seasons) of experiments, in 2019-2020, ICAR reported results of field trials on crops that benefited from nano urea, to the Central Fertiliser Committee, which decides on whether to approve a chemical fertilizer for commercial use. The approval came through, in February 2021, during Dr. Mohapatra's tenure.

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Trade data flags testing time for goods exports

August exports dip 1.15%, imports rise above $60 bn

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's merchandise exports shrank 1.15% year-on-year in August to $33 billion, while inelastic imports of petroleum and coal continued to climb, lifting imports above the $60 billion mark for the sixth successive month.

The country's goods trade deficit moderated slightly sequentially from the record $30 billion in July, but remained the second highest on record at $28.68 billion, and widened sharply from the $11.7 billion in August 2021. Preliminary trade data for July had also shown a 0.8% dip in exports, which was revised to a 2.1% uptick. The last time India recorded a contraction in exports was in February 2021.

Global headwinds apart, Commerce Secretary B. V. R. Subrahmanyam attributed the dip in outbound shipments, which declined 9% sequentially, to a growing tendency among international buyers to seek deferrals in shipments of confirmed orders, as well as the gamut of measures taken by the government to try and curb elevated inflation.

"There is some concern about Christmas orders," Mr. Subrahmanyam observed. "Exporters' order books are full but there are cases where buyers are asking for shipments not to be despatched," he said, adding that restrictions akin to 'almost' being on a negative list for exports on items like wheat, steel and iron pellets to check inflation, had also impacted trade.

While goods exports have averaged $38.5 billion a month between April and August, adding up to $192.5 billion, Mr. Subrahmanyam forecast India's total outbound shipments in 2022-23 would touch $470 billion, or at least $450 billion in a 'worst case scenario'. To achieve that, exports need to average between $36.8 billion and $39.6 billion over the next seven months.

"The non-oil deficit accounted for nearly 60% of the total trade deficit in August, even though gold imports halved," noted Aditi Nayar, chief economist at rating firm ICRA. "The year-on-year dip in exports, led by sectors such as engineering goods, gems and jewellery and yarns and textiles, suggests a cautious outlook for external demand going ahead," she cautioned.

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Soren to seek trust vote tomorrow

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
RANCHI

Amid suspense over the continuation of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren as an MLA, he will seek a vote of trust to prove his majority in the Assembly at a special session on Monday, an official said.

The Opposition BJP has convened its legislature party meeting on Sunday to chalk out its strategy in the House, sources said.

Mr. Soren's party, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), has 30 MLAs, the Congress 18, and the Rashtriya Janata Dal one. The BJP has 26 MLAs.

Following a petition by the BJP seeking Mr. Soren's disqualification from the Assembly for violating electoral norms by allotting a stone mining lease to himself, the Election Commission (EC) sent its decision to Governor Ramesh Bais on August 25. Some BJP leaders had claimed that the poll panel has recommended Mr. Soren's disqualification.

The ruling coalition has asserted that Mr. Soren's disqualification will not affect the government, as it enjoys absolute majority in the 81-member House.

HC sets aside CET-2022 ranking for engineering courses

It directs KEA to redo the ranking

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

While setting aside the CET-2022 ranking for undergraduate courses in engineering and technology, the High Court of Karnataka on Saturday directed the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to redo the ranking by taking II Pre-University (PU) marks and CET-2022 marks in the ratio of 50:50, even for the students who passed II PU in 2021.

Justice S.R. Krishna Kumar delivered the verdict while allowing a batch of petitions filed by Eshwar R. and 52 other students, who had passed the II PU in 2021 and reappeared for CET-2022.

Students' contention

The petitioner-students had questioned the different yardsticks adopted in awarding ranks to them in CET-2022. The KEA had considered only the marks obtained in CET-2022 subjects to award ranks to students who had passed II PU in 2021 without writing exams as marks were awarded through a special scheme formulated in view of COVID-19. However, the ranks for students who passed II PU in 2022, the KEA had considered II PU and CET-2022 marks in the 50:50 ratio

"Redo the CET-2022 ranking for the admission to engineering and technology courses for the academic year 2022-23 strictly in accordance with Rules 3 and 4 of the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules, 2006, and without reference to the proviso to Rule 4 inserted on September 1, 2021," the court said in the order.

KEA 'note' quashed

Also, the court set aside a "note", issued by KEA on the day of announcing the results, on July 30, 2022, in which it was stated that marks of only CET-2022 were considered for allotting ranks for students who had passed II PU in 2021.

With this order, KEA will now have to redo the entire process of allotting ranks for all students who wrote CET-2022 as KEA had considered marks in the ratio of 50:50 only for students who passed II PU in 2022.

The court said that the amendment made to Rule 4 on September 1, 2021 to consider the marks of only CET-2021 for admissions to engineering and technology courses was confined only to the academic year 2021-22 and it "cannot be extended to 2022-23 through the 'note' in the absence of any further amendment to the Rule."

The different yardsticks applied by authorities is discriminatory, says court

- Redo ranking by taking II PU marks and CET-2022 marks in 50:50 ratio even for students who passed II PU in 2021, KEA told
- Petitioner-students had questioned the different yardsticks adopted in awarding ranks to them in CET-2022

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ED searches fintech firms in loan app case

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NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted searches at six locations in Bengaluru linked to Razorpay Private Limited, Cashfree Payments, Paytm Payment Services Limited and entities controlled or operated by the suspects based in China, in connection with the micro-loan app case.

The agency has also seized ₹17 crore kept in the merchant IDs and bank accounts of the entities that ran the mobile apps.

The investigation is based on 18 first information reports (FIR) registered by the cybercrime police in Bengaluru city against a large number of entities and individuals for their alleged involvement in the extortion and harassment of those who had taken small loans through the mobile apps run by them.

The agency alleges that these entities were controlled or operated by the suspects based in China. They used forged documents of Indian nationals and made them dummy directors.

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FIR against two BJP MPs for entering ATC tower

They forcibly obtained nod for take-off

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Jharkhand Police have registered an FIR against BJP MPs Nishikant Dubey and Manoj Tiwari for entering the air traffic control (ATC) tower at the Deoghar airport to forcibly obtain take-off clearance for their chartered plane, though flight operations were not permitted after evening.

The two MPs and others have been booked under Sections 336 (act endangering life or personal safety of others), 447 (punishment for criminal trespass), and 448 (punishment for house-trespass) of the IPC. The FIR was registered at the Kunda police station on September 1 on the basis of a complaint by security in-charge Suman Anand.

The Deputy Commissioner of Deogarh, Manjunath Bhajantari, too has complained about the incident to the Jharkhand government's Civil Aviation Department and sought a speedy inquiry, he said on Twitter.

The incident happened on August 31, when around 5.25 p.m. the two MPs reached the airport with other passengers and supporters who had come to see them off. All passengers boarded the chartered plane. The pilot soon stepped out of the plane and stormed towards the ATC tower.

Nishikant Dubey

"It is clear that passengers entered the ATC, and despite there being no facility for night operation, there was pressure exerted for obtaining clearance disregarding passenger safety," Mr. Bhajantri said. He said that the CCTV footage showed that apart from the passengers, there were others who had gathered inside the ATC building.

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No bidders for PRR project during second tender too

BDA is likely to float the tenders for the third time

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

No companies have shown interest in the tender process for building the 74-km Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA).

It is said that a "lack of clarity" and the risk involved, in fixing compensation for acquisition of private land for the project, forced the investors to backtrack.

As per the policy decision, the private investor has to bear the cost of land acquisition along with the project cost. The project requires 2,560 acres of land.

In April, the BDA floated the tender for the first time. It had to be scrapped after investors sought more time to study the project and raised concerns over the cost involved in the land acquisition. The tender was floated for the second time in June.

The project connecting Tumakuru Road with Hosur Road is over 15 years old. Consecutive governments failed to execute the project for various reasons such as land cost, legal hurdles, changes in the alignment, strong resistance of the farmers, and a lack of political will. At present, deciding compensation for the land acquisition is a key factor . Citing a Supreme Court order, the BDA has been maintaining the the BDA Act will be applicable for acquisition of the private land, whereas the farmers are up in arms and demanding compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, (Rehabilitation and Resettlement) Act, 2013.

The land notified at Bylakere for the Peripheral Ring Road by the Bangalore Development Authority. • FILE PHOTO

Farmers have held many protests in the past demanding "fair compensation".

An official of the BDA said: "No companies showed an interest in the PRR tender floated for the second time. The last date for submission was August 30 but no one came forward to bid. During the pre-bidding meeting, we had informed participants that the BDA Act would be applicable for the land acquisition. There is already tough resistance from the farmers on this issue. They want more compensation. Considering the risk involved, investors may have shown disinterest. Prior to floating the tender for the third time, we will seek directions from the State government on the land acquisition compensation."

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Razing of structures: Limbavali draws flak over behaviour with woman

FIR registered against woman, but not against MLA

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Arvind Limbavali, BJP MLA for Mahadevapura, allegedly behaved rudely and verbally abused a woman while on a visit to Whitefield where properties which had encroached upon storm-water drains (SWDs) were being razed. A video of the incident, which took place earlier this week, went viral on social media, drawing flak from the public and Opposition leaders. The woman, Ruth Sagai Mary, owned a property in the area, whose compound wall was demolished.

While Whitefield police have not registered an FIR against the MLA, despite a complaint from Ms. Mary, she has been booked under various sections of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act and Disaster Management Act, based on a complaint by a revenue inspector.

Meanwhile, another video clip of Mr. Limbavali speaking to a media channel has gone viral, in which he is heard asking the media persons whether he had "raped her", drawing further ire. Ms. Mary has lodged a complaint with the Karnataka State Commission for Women.

Arvind Limbavali

After Congress MP Randeep Singh Surjewala criticised the MLA's behaviour in a tweet and asked if he would issue an apology to the woman, Mr. Limbavali replied that he was ready to apologise, but did not do that in the tweet. Instead, he said: "But your party karyakarthe (worker) Mary had encroached Rajakaluve & was creating problems to people since last several years. Ask her to stop her arrogance."

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar said Mr. Limbavali was "not fit to be a legislator".

In the first video, Mr. Limbavali could be heard telling officers around him to "take this woman out of here". When the woman demands respect, he is seen snatching the papers from her hand without giving her a hearing. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Ms. Mary, who is also president of the Congress Minority Bloc, said that she approached the MLA only to have a conversation with him about her property as the records did not show that there was encroachment.

"Our compound wall was razed down as they said that it was attached to the SWD; but according to our records, there has been no encroachment and we were given no prior notice about the demolition," Ms. Mary said. She went to show the visiting MLA the original documents. "He snatched the documents from my hand, pulled my arm and brought his hand near my face to strike me. He behaved like a goonda. He told the people around him to hit me. I was in shock and disbelief," she narrated.

She added that when she tried to lodge a complaint against the leader at Whitefield police station, officers only took her statement, but did not lodge an FIR. She demanded a public apology.

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Slow descent: Tourists walk down the stairway to the Borra caves.

Going deep under

The Borra caves in Andhra Pradesh are a geotourist's delight

TEXT AND IMAGES BY K.R. DEEPAK

Located in the Anantagiri hills of the Eastern Ghats range in Alluri Sitharama Raju district in Andhra Pradesh, the Borra caves are among the deepest caves in India.

The caves created millions of years ago by water activity, mainly by the Gosthani river, are a rare geological formation. They are basically karstic limestone structures extending to a depth of 80 metres.

The ancient caves were discovered by the Geological Survey of India in 1807. Since then, extensive research has been done by different government departments and expert groups.

Due to the water activity cutting through rich limestone, many stalagmites and stalactites have formed over the years. According to researchers, the cave is highly valuable for anthropological research, as excavations carried out earlier unearthed stone tools of middle Paleolithic culture dating between 30,000 and 50,000 years ago. These findings confirm human habitation in that area.

One of the major tourist attractions of the region, the caves – illuminated with artificial lighting – draw visitors from across India, sometimes crossing 10,000 visitors a day during peak season.

The caves are about 100 km from Visakhapatnam and the journey by road takes about three hours. The Borraguhallu station is the nearest railway station.

Mineral chandelier: Stalactite and stalagmite formations created by the flow of water through the limestone caves.

One for the album: The flow of tourists has improved now after the lull induced by the pandemic.

Layers of yore: Stalactites grow down from the cave ceiling, while stalagmites grow up from the cave floor.

In relief: Rock formations illuminated with colourful lights.

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Limbavali draws flak over behaviour

An FIR has been lodged against Ms. Mary at the Whitefield police station. Partha Sarathi, Revenue Inspector, Whitefield division, filed the complaint with the police against Ms. Mary under various sections of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, Disaster Management Act and also under sections 427 (mischief) 447 (criminal trespass) and section 353 (assault or use of criminal force to deter a public servant from discharge of his duty) on Thursday

Mr. Partha Sarathi said the woman and her husband Vinay Prabhu, her son, and others confronted him and the BBMP officials and stopped the work when they were removing the encroachment on a storm-water drain at R. Narayanapura which caused flooding due to heavy rains.

No bidders for PRR project during second tender too

The BDA wants to implement an eight-lane PRR project to reduce the traffic entering the city, by linking major roads such as Tumakuru Road, Doddaballapur Road, Bellari Road, Old Madras Road, and Hosur Road on the outskirts of the city.

As per the plan, clover leaf junctions have been proposed to link PRR with the existing NICE Road at Tumakuru Road and Hosur Road.

As per the decision of the government, the private investor will get 50 years to collect the toll.

BDA Commissioner Kumar Naik G. was not available for a comment.

BBMP begins clearing SWD encroachments

After Bommai's directions, constructions were razed in Dodda Bommasandra as well as Varthur

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Following widespread flooding and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's directions, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) started clearing properties, which have encroached rajakaluves (storm-water drains) in the city. On Saturday, constructions were razed in Dodda Bommasandra as well as Varthur.

BBMP personnel removing the encroachments around storm-water drains at Varthur in Bengaluru on Saturday.

While the compound walls of three residential buildings were torn down in Dodda Bommasandra in Yelahanka zone, walls of TZed Homes in Varthur and some other structures, which had extended into the SWD in the Mahadevapura zone, were also demolished.

On Friday, civic authorities demolished a pathway as well as a wall at a tech park on Outer Ring Road, for blocking the SWD which was connected to the Bellandur lake.

They have also constructed a temporary parallel drain, which is about 300 metres on the service road at the same place, to ensure that there would be no flooding in case of heavy rains. The drain has been linked to a culvert to remove water

"Encroachments have to be removed immediately as they have reduced the width of our rajakaluves. We are also doing some lining and cleaning work due to which rainwater flows quickly now. In zones like Mahadevapura and Bommanahalli, previous authorities had given licences to build, but now the drains at those places are affected. Hence, we are concentrating more on clearing encroachments in Dasarahalli, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Yeshwanthpur, K.R. Puram, and Mahadevapura," said BBMP Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath.

He also said that there are over 500 encroachments, which are yet to be cleared out of which 160 are in the buffer zone. "In the Central Business District, there are some poor people in the buffer zone of the rajakaluve. We are looking for alternative land to relocate them, which might take a little time, but bigger buildings, which pose bigger problems, should be addressed first," he said.

In Yelahanka zone, the officials have devised a stage-by-stage demolition plan of encroachments, while in Mahadevapura, Shantiniketan Layout, parts of DNA apartment, and a few other places have been marked for clearance.

The citizens, on the other hand, believe that clearing the encroachment of a few properties will not do much good as there are several underlying problems.

"In Mahadevapura constituency, there are hundreds of such encroachments and many more in the entire city. A major operation is necessary to get rid of all of them. At some places where we went to clear encroachments, it was evident that there was a nexus between the encroachers and officers of the SWD Department and politicians. All the officers and politicians should get out of this and take direct action. If this trend continues, due to weather extremes, we will face huge problems in the coming days," said Jagadish Reddy of Varthur Rising.

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Diversions in traffic likely next week

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Anticipating heavy rainfall, the Ramanagaram district administration is likely to impose traffic diversion on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway.

As per an India Meteorological Department alert, Bengaluru and Ramanagaram districts are likely to receive heavy rainfall from Monday to Wednesday.

"Depending on the rain situation, the diversion will be imposed asking motorists to use either Kanakapura Road or the Kunigal route," K. Santosh Babu, SP, Ramanagaram, said.

Recently, motorists using the expressway had a harrowing experience, after the road was flooded at several stretches. The NHAI has been accused of executing a flawed design resulting in the flooding and officials attributed the flooding to torrential rain. A few days ago, bypasses in Bidadi and Ramanagaram to Channpatna opened to motorists.

JD(S) seeks CBI probe into highway project

JD(S) MLA has alleged that money to the tune of ₹800 crore was looted in the name of the project. • FILE PHOTO

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Alleging corruption in the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway project, the JD(S) has demanded a CBI inquiry.

A. Manjunath, Magadi MLA, said that on September 7, a team from the party, headed by former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, will meet Union Minister Nitin Gadkari seeking action.

He alleged money to the tune of ₹800 crore was looted in the name of the project.

He also alleged that the NHAI had meted out injustice to farmers, who had parted with their land for the project, by not giving fair compensation.

On the recent flooding on the under-construction expressway, Mr. Manjunath said that a flawed design and lapses on the part of NHAI officials resulted in chaos and caused inconvenience to the public.

Taking a dig at BJP MP Prathap Simha, the MLA said that Mr. Simha is acting like a brand ambassador for the NHAI. "The 119-km expressway lacks inter-junctions. We are ready to visit the roads and show the lapses," said the MLA.

August 30 floods: IT firms, banks in ORR area say they lost ₹225 cr. in a single day

'Firms will seek alternative destinations if infrastructure does not improve'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

IT firms and banking establishments in the Outer Ring Road (ORR) area have incurred a loss of ₹225 crore owing to the heavy rains and flooding on August 30, said Outer Ring Road Companies' Association (ORRCA) in a letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Seeking Mr. Bommai's attention to address the "appalling infrastructure" in the ORR region in particular and the city in general, ORRCA said half a million professionals were employed along the ORR region, between Central Silk Board and Krishnaraja Puram corridor.

"Heavy rains and flooding in the Outer Ring Road area on August 30, which brought parts of Bengaluru to its knees, led to a loss of about ₹ 225 crore in a single day," the association said.

Professionals were stuck on the road for more than five hours, claimed Outer Ring Road Companies' Association.

Revenue generation

IT firms in the ORR area generate revenues of $22 billion every year, accounting for 32% of Bengaluru's total IT revenue. The area was also the highest tax contributor to the exchequer, the association wrote.

"Poor infrastructure on this corridor, however, is bringing down the efficiency and productivity of companies located here and putting employee safety and well-being at risk. Flooding on ORR on August 30 has led to a loss of ₹225 crore as professionals were stuck on the road for more than five hours," ORRCA said in its letter.

Sharing its concern, the association further wrote that the inadequate infrastructure on ORR has now reached a "crisis level." Even though only 30% of ORR population has returned to office, the collapse of the infrastructure has drawn concern about Bengaluru's ability to handle further growth.

Arterial roads

ORRCA has appealed to the government to expedite improvement projects on key arterial roads to ORR such as Old Airport Road, ITPL Road, and Varthur Road, as they are regularly used by their staff and the public.

The office-bearers also demanded that the detailed ORR BMRCL 2A metro rail project timelines be shared and strictly adhered to. There were several examples of planned road infrastructure and initiatives being stalled which has only aggravated the issues on ORR, it wrote.

Further cautioning the State administration, the association said it was in the collective interest of ORRCA. The companies may seek alternative destinations if the situation does not improve, the association warned.

Woman loses ₹94,367 in online fraud

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Trying to pay the charges for a cancelled cab ride proved costly for a 34-year-old homemaker, after she lost ₹94,367 in a cyber fraud.

The victim, Naziya G. Naik, from Agrahara Dasarahalli, had booked a cab online to visit her relatives, and later cancelled the trip. The driver asked her to pay the cancellation charges and she checked the customer care online and called the executive on the number mentioned.

The customer care executive offered to help her and sent her a link to download Anydesk [an application to provide remote access and control of a phone or computer] and to scan her debit card .

Ms. Naik followed the instructions and as soon as she scanned her debit card, ₹94,367 was deducted. She tried to call the number but there was no response. Realizing that she was cheated, the victim approached the West Division cyber crime police and filed a complaint The police are now on trying to track down the accused through the transaction.

This city numismatist's collection is noteworthy

Rajendra Maru possesses rare currency and coins from the time of India's independence

SHARATH S. SRIVATSA
BENGALURU

In a year when the country is celebrating *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, nuggets from independent India's history, tucked across the country with individual collectors, are coming to the fore.

One of the rare collectibles with a Bengaluru-based numismatist are currency notes containing the portrait of King George VI printed in post-independent India. These were printed between August 15, 1947, and January 26, 1950, when India was a dominion in the British Commonwealth.

Despite India attaining independence, it continued to print currency notes of the denomination ₹1, ₹2, ₹5, ₹10, ₹100, and ₹1,000 from the security press at Nashik that had the portrait of King George VI to maintain continuity.

"India continued to print the same notes with little changes till it became a republic on January 26, 1950. Not many notes were printed though. The pre-independence design was continued but to mark the country's status, the colour of the serial number was changed to red and green," says Rajendra Maru, who has these notes in his collection. "For example, India continued the same ₹1 but with the serial numbers printed in red. Before independence, the serial number in ₹1 currency notes were in black and green. The colour of the serial number signified the period of printing," said Mr. Maru.

A note that was issued in independent India between August 15, 1947 and January 26, 1950.

In his collection is a ₹1 note printed sometime in the last week of August or the first week of September in 1947.

Money in circulation

While the printing of currency with the portrait of King George VI was discontinued after India became a republic, they continued to be in circulation till October 27, 1957, before being withdrawn.

When India gained independence on August 15, 1947, an estimated ₹1,181 crore in currency notes was in circulation. The last set of currency notes with the portrait of King George VI was printed on January 20, 1950.

Slowly, these notes were replaced with those that contained the country's national emblem: the Lion Capital of Ashoka from Sarnath as rendered by Dinanath Bhargava.

However, India also released two notes of ₹10 with the Ashoka lion and signed by the first RBI Governor C.D. Deshmukh on December 1, 1949, and a ₹1 note with the Ashoka lion on August 12, 1949, before the country became a republic.

According to Mr. Maru, the notes printed when India had a dominion status are in great demand in the collectors' market, with many of them now fetching several lakhs of rupees.

The cupronickel coin issued by the Azad Hind Fauj on August 15, 1947. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rare coin

A rare cupronickel coin released on August 15, 1947, by the Azad Hind Fauj is a collectors' delight. It was minted in Kolkota to commemorate the independence of India from the British, and contains a flag and a pre-partition map of India.

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Gauri memorial lecture

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Gauri Memorial Trust, as part of the fifth Gauri Memorial Day, is organising a Gauri memorial lecture on Monday. The lecture will be delivered by actor Prakash Rai, Mohammed Zubair from Alt News, and writer and activist Arundathi Roy.

The programme will be held at Scouts and Guides Auditorium, next to Maharani's College for Women, Palace Road from 5 p.m. onwards.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

1) **Name of work:** Basin Bridge Coaching Depot- Upgradation of facilities to maintain Vande - Bharat Chair Car Rakes- Electrical arrangements thereof.
2) E-Tender notice number: **MAS/EGS/ET/18/2022-2023 dated 02-09-2022**
3) Tender number : **ME-29-II-1016-2022**
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TENDER DOCUMENT COST: Nil.

PERIOD OF COMPLETION: 24 Months.

TENDER CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 22.09.2022 at 17.00 Hrs.

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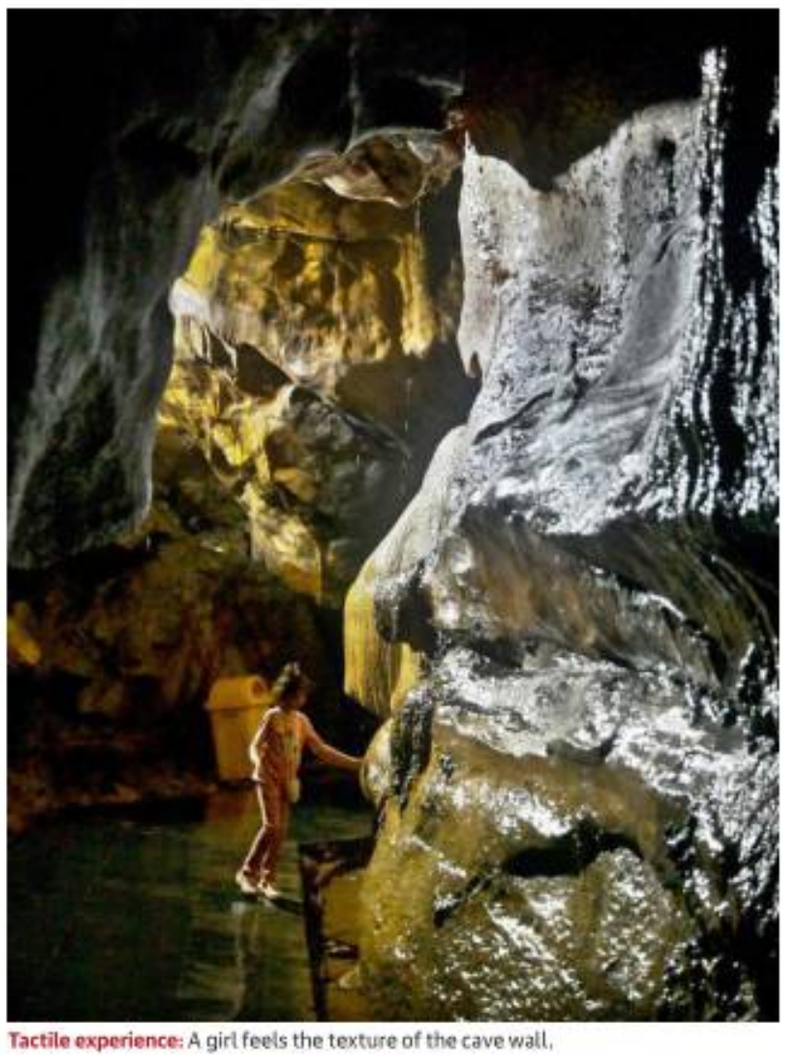

Tactile experience: A girl feels the texture of the cave wall.

Day trip: The caves are open to visit from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Steep climb: Nearly 400 steps go down the caves.

Picking up trivia: Visitors can learn more information from the tourist guides at the caves.

Underground expedition: While the stairs may be a bit tough for senior citizens, there are points along the way to take rest.

Tight security for Ganesha idol immersion procession

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A massive procession of Ganesha idols, mostly from East Bengaluru, will culminate at Ulsoor lake on Sunday evening. The police have made massive security arrangements for the same, as the procession passes through several communally-sensitive neighbourhoods.

The East Division Police, led by DCP Bhimashankar Guled, took out a route march. The personnel deployed for bandobust did a route march in Govindpura, K.G. Halli, and D.J. Halli police station limits.

The march was conducted mainly from the entire stretch of Nagawara junction to Pottery Circle and in sensitive areas like Rashadnagar, Umarnagar, Govindapur village, and Nagawara village. The RAF, the KSRP, and the CAR units also participated in the route march.

"All precautionary measures have been taken and the police are geared for Sunday's bandobust," Mr. Guled said. Some of the precautions include installation of CCTV cameras en route, the use of drone cameras, a liquor ban in all eight police station limits in and around K.G. Halli area. "As an innovative measure this time, around 250 body cameras will be donned by our officers deployed on duty to monitor the procession," he added.

Meanwhile, members of the Chamarajapet Ganeshutsav Samiti, a body pushing for Ganesha Chaturthi festivities at Idgah maidan, on Saturday staged a protest in front of the police station, accusing harassment over their demand for a route of the immersion procession.

Samiti members shouted slogans against the police for a few minutes before they were detained and taken to the City Armed Reserve grounds as part of preventive detention. A committee which was granted permission for Ganesha idol installation on the Ayyappaswamy temple premises till September 10, have been asked to seek separate permission for the immersion procession.

The samiti, alleging harassment, said that the police have imposed too many restrictions, asking it to get separate permission for the immersion procession along with details of the route.

Book release programme today

BENGALURU

Naavu Itihasakattidevu, a book on the study of women who actively participated in Ambedkar's movement, will be released on Sunday. Retired Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University Sabhiha Bhoomigowda and writer and thinker Peer Bhasha will speak about the book. The programme will be held at Gandhi Bhavan on Kumarakrupa Road from 10 a.m. onwards.

MUSIC • DANCE • DRAMA

SRI RAMA Lalitha Kala Mandira, BSK II Stage, Bangalore – 560 070 is organizing a grand music concert to celebrate 106th Birthday of Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi on 4th September 2022, Sunday at 5.30 p.m. Venue : Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira Concert Hall. Vocal duet by Smt. S. Aishwarya & Kum. S. Soundarya (Great grand daughters of Dr.M.S.Subbulakshmi), Mattur Viswajit-Violin, Phanindra Bhaskara-Mridanga, Smt. Sukanya Ramgopal -Ghata. All are welcome.

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Addendum - 1 for Walk-in-Interview

In continuation to earlier notification vide F.No.NSU/Acad/11005/447 dated 25-08-2022, additional subjects are notified for Walk-in-Interview for the AY 2022-23. For details, please visit our website : https://nsktu.ac.in
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Hon'ble Chief Minister **Sri Basavaraj S Bommai** & **Sri Kota Srinivasa Poojary**, Minister for Social Welfare & Backward Class Welfare participated in the inaugural programme of "Kalyanamithra Integrated SC / ST Helpline".

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Awards to be presented

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Kuvempu Bhashabharathi Pradhikara is organising a programme to give away the 2022 honorary awards and the 2021 book awards on September 6. During the event, books published by the KBP will also be released.

According to a release, the honorary award will be bestowed on C.R. Yaravinatelimutt, R.V. S. Sundaram, Vijaya Guttala, V. Krishna, and K. Nallathambi.

The award presentation programme will be held at Nayana Auditorium, Kannada Bhavana, Ravindra Kalakshetra complex, J.C. Road from 11 a.m. onwards.

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On the eve of Teachers' Day on September 5, *The Hindu* talks to teachers who are handling the challenges of a post-pandemic classroom, and presents the profile of an octogenarian who drives his motorbike across villages to help students get scholarships

With return of physical classes, teachers are going the extra mile

They are working to get students adjust to the classroom atmosphere

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

In the last two years, as COVID-19 hit the world, the notion of a classroom and the role of a teacher transformed like never before.

Teachers learned to negotiate virtual classrooms with all their attendant problems. Now, switching back to physical classrooms, after a gap of two years, has not been easy either.

This Teachers' Day, *The Hindu* spoke to teachers across various schools in Bengaluru, who are going the extra mile to make learning easy for their students post the pandemic.

Teachers learned to negotiate virtual classrooms with all their attendant problems. Now, switching back to physical classrooms, after a gap of two years, has not been easy either.

'Classroom mood'

This year, as students came back to schools, the greatest challenge was to bring them back into the "classroom mood."

Across classes, the issue of adaptability manifested in different ways. From separation anxiety, reduced academic abilities, digital addiction to, what one teacher called, "classroom snacking", the teachers had to patiently deal with different issues.

"Bringing them back to the classroom setting was very difficult. There was a lot of fighting and complaining, and discipline had taken a big hit. But the only way to deal with them was by working out solutions at their level. The students want all learning to be playful now," said Lakshmi, who teaches Hindi at Vasavi Vidyaniketh an School.

Another teacher at the same school, Nalini Rajesh, said that the expectations of parents have gone up and teachers have had to pay special heed to their concerns. "As they observed that children were falling a little behind in academics, they wanted us to give more homework and tests."

The teachers have also rolled out a "bag and book-free" out-bound language development programme to strengthen basic skills.

Pleasure of interaction

Despite the challenges, all the teachers said that the pleasure of teaching lies in getting to interact with students in real classrooms.

"Two-way communication makes teaching easier, although online classes taught teachers a lot and got us equipped with technology," said Kalai Rajan, head of school as well as mathematics teacher at Knowledgeum Academy.

He said that he involves students more in the teaching now. "I get them to do research and present them in groups."

Mr. Kalai also spoke about how he sensitises his students to the usage of the Internet and conveys the same message to parents.

He said that he asks the students to use social media and technology in limited windows for their own benefits, but also reminds them that when they use it for academic purposes, that should be their only focus and that they should not get distracted.

Gowri Mirlay Achanta, history teacher at St Joseph's Boys High School, said teachers also faced problems, like exhaustion after standing for longer durations and speaking loudly to address bigger classes. "We are delighted to be back in class, but are quite often exhausted having been out of touch with regular classes for two years."

Among students, as they returned to physical classes, the gap between emotional and physical maturity was quite glaring, she pointed out.

"A lack of focus among students, restlessness, and feeling sleepy in class were prominent issues we had to tackle in June, but these have reduced greatly as the term advanced," Ms. Gowri said.

Bridging gap

Similar accounts were also recorded in several government schools across the State. The teachers are battling issues like disinterest in educational activities, learning backwardness, mobile phone addiction, and irregularity.

"We have successfully conducted counselling sessions to ensure that students attend classes regularly. We are also creating awareness among parents to send their children to school. We are conducting Kalika Chetarike programme for all the students to recover the learning gap. But, it has been quite challenging to bring our students back on track," said Mala, vice-principal at Karnataka Public School, Basavanagudi.

(With additional inputs by Jayanth R.)

This teacher gets an 'A' for his work after retirement

80-year-old is helping students get scholarships

NAGESH PRABHU
BENGALURU

When K. Narayana Naik retired in 2001, he did not choose to spend a quiet life at home with his grandchildren. Instead, he decided to help students pursue higher education, by providing them access to scholarships.

The man from Karpe village in Bantwal taluk of Dakshina Kannada, after teaching in more than a dozen government schools/high schools during his four-decade-old career, has been visiting government schools and colleges everyday, and providing information on scholarships to pre-matric and post-matric education.

Over ₹5 crore

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Naik said that for the past 21 years, he had been able to help nearly 1 lakh students get scholarships, worth about ₹5 crore, from various trusts, foundations, State, and Central government departments. He is now fondly called as "scholarship master" by students in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts.

The 80-year-old leaves home at 8 a.m. on an average day and visits schools/colleges by driving his favorite Honda Dream. "As schools/colleges are located at distant places, I drive nearly 100 km everyday," Mr. Naik says.

Mr. Naik receives a monthly pension of ₹40,000 and more than 50% of that is spent in these travels and providing monetary support for students belonging to poor families in villages.

I visit poor households and strike conversation with students, sharing chocolates, and biscuits with them. After obtaining personal details of students and their parents, I visit schools/colleges and fill scholarship forms either online or offline.

K. NARAYANA NAIK,
Retired teacher

During the last four years (2017-18 to 2011-2022), Mr. Naik visited 871 educational institutions. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21 and 2021-22, he visited 109 and 207 institutions, respectively.

Mr. Naik, who holds BEd and MA degrees, says there are four types of scholarships: caste/religion-based, merit-based, labor-based, and trusts/foundation-based.

He had been able to provide scholarships to a large number of students belonging to the Muslim community and SCs/STs. Many children of construction workers received scholarships from the State government, he says.

Building bonds

"I visit poor households and strike conversation with students, sharing chocolates and biscuits with them. After obtaining the personal details of students and their parents, I visit schools/colleges and fill scholarship forms either online or offline," says Mr. Naik. "Many students are unaware of the availability of scholarships."

He also regularly follows up pending applications with departments, particularly the Social Welfare and the Labour Departments.

"I don't consider this service as my work. It is my duty to help poor students to access education," says Mr. Naik.

"Mr. Naik also donates money to senior citizens belonging to the poorest of poor in villages," says Kinnaje Prabhkar, member of the Bantwal taluk panchayat.

Two injured in LPG cylinder explosion

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Two persons sustained severe burns in an explosion owing to LPG cylinder leakage at their house in Kashi Nagar of Yelachenahall at K.S. Layout in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The duo, identified as Goutham and Mondal, have been admitted to Victoria Hospital. Natives of Assam, they had been working as security guards and living in a rented house for the past few months.

The door and the window panes were damaged due to the impact of the explosion.

The KS Layout police, who rushed to the site for investigation, suspect that the explosion was due to a leak from the cylinder last night which the victims had failed to notice.

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ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಹಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ/ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮುಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ Standard Tender Document KW-4 ನಂತೆ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಬಹುವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: (1) Indent-39494/call-2

(1) Downloading of document through e-procportal: **03.09.2022 to 12.09.2022 up to 16.30 Hrs.** (2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **06.09.2022 Time: 11.30 Hrs.** Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **12.09.2022 Time: 16.30 Hrs.** (4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **13.09.2022 Time: 17:00 Hrs.** (5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು
ಗ್ರಾಕುನೀ.ಮತ್ತು ನೈ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ (ಉ.ಕ. ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)

DIPR/ADK/MCA/376/22-23 dt. 02.09.2022

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, BIDAR
Ph: 08482-231688, Email-eerdwsd.bdr1@gmail.com

Ref:EE/RDWSD/Bidar/PB-1-5/Tender/2022-23/922 Date: 01.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (DBOT/BOT/PPP/OTHERS COVER)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible bidders for the works above Rs. 69.58 Crore to 75.93 Crore (02 Nos of works) as per KW-4 Standard Tender Bid Document under H/A MVS for the year 2020-21 (DBOT/BOT/PPP/Others Cover) through e-Procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in only. The KTPP Act shall be followed.

TIME SCHEDULE

1) Notification Date and Download of tender schedule documents through e portal: 01.09.2022 to 01.10.2022. 2) Pre-Bid Meeting at CE RDWS Office, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.: 08.09.2022 Time 11.15 AM. 3) Last date for submission of bids 01.10.2022 Time : 17.30 PM. 4) Date & Time of Technical bid opening 03.10.2022 Time : 11.00 AM. 5) Date & Time of Financial bid opening : After Technical bid Approval

For details of works and conditions, please contact this office in office hours or visit website http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in where the details are available.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDWS&S Division Bidar

DIPR/Bidar/215/MC&A/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ, ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ.
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾಇಂಲೋಇವಿಚಿಇಇ-1:ಟೆಂಡರ್-52:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.09.2022

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಉದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಇವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಮತ್ತು ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ: ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ-ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 8443 ಕೇವಲ ಬಂಡವಾಳ: (1) ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-1 (ವ.ಇಂ. 156301) 1) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಅಬ್ಬೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. 2) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ನೆಲೆಗೇತನಹಟ್ಟಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 3) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಗುಂಡಕೋಲಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. 4) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಕೊಂಡೇಕೋಲಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. 5) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಭೂಮಸಮುದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. 6) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಗೌರಸಮುದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ (ಕೋಟಾರಹಟ್ಟಿ) ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 95.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. **ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ: ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 8443 ಕೇವಲ ಬಂಡವಾಳ:** (2) ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-2: ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಗಿಡ್ಡಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. (ವ.ಇಂ. 155553). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 10.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. **ಹರಿವಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲು: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 8443 ಕೇವಲ ಬಂಡವಾಳ:** (3) ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-3 (ವ.ಇಂ. 156302) 1) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಕೊರಡಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. 2) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ನೇಲ್ಲಗುಂಟೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 35.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (4) ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-4: ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಹನುಮಂತನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. (ವ.ಇಂ. 155552). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. **ಹರಿವಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡಕ್ಕೆ ಮೀಸಲು: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: 8443 ಕೇವಲ ಬಂಡವಾಳ:** (5) ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-5 (ವ.ಇಂ. 156304) 1) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಮುಸ್ಟಲಗುಮ್ಮಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. 2) ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಚಿಕ್ಕಹಳ್ಳ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.1ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ: ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಲು/ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 17:30. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 20.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 16:00. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 21.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 16:01. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 23.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 11:00. **ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.2ರಿಂದ 5ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ:** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಲು/ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 17:30. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 20.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 16:00. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 21.09.2022 ಸಮಯ 16:01.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ (ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 08194 222446) ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್.ಎ. ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 080 25501216 ಮತ್ತು 080 25501227 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

RO No. 494: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Executive Engineer,KNNL,GLBC,Dn-3, Bilagi.
Phone No- 08425-275228 Fax- 08425-275217 Email Id:- eeknnlglbcdn.3bilagi@gmail.com
No- KNNL/GLBC-3/DB/TND/2022-23/939 Date- 02.09.2022

ADDENDUM
(This office Tender Notification No.930 Dt:01.09.2022)
(Through e-Procurement only)

Additional Conditions for the above Tender Notification are as follows

Tender Condition Serial No	Additional Documents to be uploaded in e-procurement portal
Pre-Qualification Criteria: (for Individual bidders Bidding x)	key Equipments: Each Tenderer should further demonstrate availability of the equipments In the Format VIII: as per the Tender Notification condition No. x
Pre-Qualification Criteria: (for Individual bidders Bidding xi)	Tenderer who meet the above specified minimum qualifying criteria, will only be qualified, if their available tender capacity is more than the total tender value. The available tender capacity will be calculated as in the Tender Notification Condition No.xi

Further Details are remains unchanged in the above Tender Notification

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL, GLBC Div No.3, Bilagi

DIPR/BGK/398/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

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DEATH

VASANTA VEPA RAMESAM

Our beloved mother, Vasanta Vepa Ramesam (Subbu to her friends and Akka to many) passed away suddenly on the 31st of August. We take comfort in knowing that she lived her life to the fullest.
While we mourn her loss, we will also be reliving all the wonderful memories we made with her and the abundant love she showered on her family. As our source of strength, she is an irreplaceable person and will forever be remembered for her resilience, charm and wit.

Aparna & Archana
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TAMIL

Alliance Invited for a Protestant born-again Girl, BDS, MPH(Health Administration) 28/152cm, Working as a Consultant (MOHFW, Delhi) EM: marriageed23@gmail.com Ct: +91 98940 40344, 98954 55595.

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CHRISTIAN NADAR, Bride Fair, 28yrs, MBBS, MS, Suitable Groom Wanted. Ph: 8667262565

DKV 30/164 fair B.Tech (NIT) MBA (IIT), MNC Chennai seeks bridegroom from educated family. 9940507235

TAMIL YADAVA CNB–A Business Family From Ooty seeks Bride Groom for their daughter 24 years very fair Bachelor in Fashion Designing Sadayam–Kumbam. Business/Professional Family From Yadava/Pillai/Mudaliar. CT: 9443115000.

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HINDU, TAMIL 37Y Govt Doctor MD Gynecology CNB prefer Doctor/ Engineer/ Businessman Ct. 9514518555.

HINDU, SC –Adi Dravida, Female, age 29, height 5ft 7inch B.E/MBA, Work: Accenture, Ph: 9444991091

HASTHAM 34/154 fair MCA Upper mid Clas Seeks Mudaliar / pillai professionally Qualified Groom 8220757159

SAIVA PILLAI 30/165/B.Tech MBA Girl Thiruvathirai Employed in MNC, Chennai. Ct 044–48041602 / 9543003640

PILLAI/MUDALIAR, 33, Good looking, MBBS,MD Final yr,Well Settled family seeks Groom aged 33-36 yrs, Engineer/Business/Doctor.Ct: 9345855735

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AGAMUDI MUDALIAR,ELITE Family Sep 91/165 PG,Working HR MNC Seeks MS/ M.Tech Groom. SubCaste Ok 9176780777

HINDU NADAR B.Com, MBA 26 years 170CMWhite, Salary 40000/– CHENNAI Contact: 8148080800

HINDU SC, 35, Girl Height 160 cm M.A, Chennai, Seeks Suitable same caste Groom. 7448689150 / 9444795980

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HINDU NADAR Sister Girls, age 29 / 23, Ht 167/167cms, M.E. Asst Prof / B.E (I.T). Upper middle class. Seeks Upper middle class, equally qualified boys of age below 30 in job or business. Marriage both at a stage.Contact : 96265 15511

TAMIL

REDDY/ REDDIAR, 1995 born/ 158cm, M.Tech, working in MNC Bangalore seeks employed Groom from decent family with good background and networth. Ct: 9597327192

CSI CHRISTIAN Nadar Doctors seek Suitable Groom for Fair Doctor Girl Aged 23 Respond drraj0499@gmail.com

TAMIL VISWAKARMA /40 /150 Fair Thiruvonam/ ME(CSE) seeks suitable Same Caste Groom. 9486320982

INTER CASTE Parents seek for daughter 27/156 SWE employed Chennai, from suitable Hindu groom. 90032 87101

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ASST. PROF. Physics, Tuluva Vellala Mudaliar Good looking Girl 34 Uthirattathy, Meanam, Family Seeks Alliance from First and Unmarried Bachelor Bridegroom Aged 34–37 Yrs, Employed, Caste no bar. Contact: After 4 PM, 7550245659

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SC AD Hindu ,BE MBA, 34 Manager-SBI, Mesham Bharani,seeking suitable and qualified Groom.Ct: 8056104103

MUDALIYAR BRIDE 29yrs, Engineer (CS)working in Bengaluru Seeks Tamil Groom for early marriage.(Any BC) Contact: (080–69074915)

HINDUNADAR BE 25 167CM Income 100000 Seeks Suitable Groom. KA Raman Nadar 9360791999

PILLAI BRIDE 24yrs, software professional (only daughter), Seeks well settled well educated Groom Contact: (080–69074915)

DIVORCEE 42,BA, Very Fair 2Children, Seeks Broad Minded Groom blw 46,Cast No Bar Chennai only. 9025791355

AGAMUDIAR MUDALIAR upper middle for 30/ 168/ BDS V.Fair Proposed to built Own Clinic & Hospital in Chennai Seeks Doctor/ Engineer/ Business professional. Sub Caste ok, Ct: 9486531194, 8637481104

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SENGUNTHAR 28, BE, MBA upper middle class. Working Corporate Company Bangalore. Seeking suitable match. Caste No Bar. Ct: 7200988849

HINDU SOZHIYA Vellalar 38/160cm MBBS Govt, Divorcee (No Child) Seeks MBBS, PDS, PG Suitable Groom (No Child) Good Family. Contact : 96773 00179 & 80153 33556

Hindu Nadar, 30/166, V.Fair, B.E, M.S working in Australia pooram, simmam Seeks Abroad Employed Groom. 63695 74486. ish.anbalagan@gmail.com

MUDALIAR (CNB) : 24/165, V.Fair & Beautiful, B.E, M.S (UK),Data Analyst, MNC, London, Business Family, Seeks groom Any Abroad / Business – 8925019776

HINDU NADAR Fair 162cm 27yr BE work Sal: 75000 Seeks Engineer Groom work in Chennai /Bangalore 9381044905

VANNIYAKULA KSHATRIYA Age 26, Fair, Anusham, Only Daughter, MS, USA Employed, Family Well Settled in Chennai. Looking for High Qualified USA Working Groom. Whatsapp 9884071390

BRAHMIN, 23YRS, Haritham Hastham M.Com(Fy) Seeks boy upto 29 in Chennai/around Ct:9444331919,044 24483448

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ASTASHASRAM, IYER, Revathi, Oct.1972, B.Sc., Seeks well educated / settled 1st Marriage Iyer Groom only. BHP : sree.lashmi108@gmail.com

HINDU PILLAI Saivavellalar, Mesham barani 24/160cm TCS Chennai 4.5L PA Seeks Vegetarian Groom 9444482270.

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Ct: 98410 26448

TAMIL Yadava 26/165, Pooradam MS abroad seeks well Educated Groom preferably from Europe. 95000 33921

AD 27/160 Doctor, working seeks well settled tamil family Groom below 31yrs Doctor /Govt/ Bank officer.9444220872

TELUGU

KRITHIGAI, 39/159CM – M.Com, B.Ed Veg Bride, Seeks Educated, Employed groom, Caste Nobar. Ct: 8056012713

ELITE BALIJA Naidu 25/BE own Jewellary & Diamond factory Rich family seeks suitable groom Ct: 7200259760.

KAMMA NAIDU
Chennai based Affluent family
Star - Swathi
1990 born 172cm
ME, MBA
family business
seeks well educated
business family groom
from same caste.
Ct: 73055-55788

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US SETTLED Vishwakarma groom DOB 15–09–1984 seeks alliance from Malayali vishwakarma community contact no.9526463511

COSMOPOLITAN

Hindu Satvik- Unmarried Boy, Educated family, 1993 Born, 5 ft, 10 inch, MBA working in a MNC Hyderabad, fluent in Hindi, English & Telugu seeks suitable Bride. Ph: 9182485058

TELUGU SC Mala groom, 29, 175 cm, good looking, B.Tech and Masters, from well to do educated family, working in U.K. , seeks educated beautiful bride between the age 23–27 from an educated family. Caste or language no bar. Christians can also apply. Send bio, photo to raagaswara07@gmail.com, 5328645024. No brokers.

BRIDE WANTED
Hindu Naidu, 27yrs/175cm, MS, working in Sweden, Caste/Language no bar.
Contact: venugopalkothandapani@gmail.com

WE ARE looking for an alliance for our son Narayanan.H, aged (34 years, residing in (Bangalore), height (5ft 11inch), (B.TECH. LL.B) graduate, (Hindu), (Brahmin. The bride should hail from a decent, educated family. (Same caste/ caste no bar). Should be between 29 and 33 years. Contact with Horoscope details: 9442396960 or muthulaxmi2010@gmail.com

COSMOPOLITAN

ENGINEER, SWEDEN, Mtech; Ms, rich 184, Nr,Uthiradam,seeking Hindu Mudaliyar Pillai or similar bride ct 9884545515

HINDU TAMIL 28/5ft 10inch, GM of leading Sportswear co, Bangalore 22L/PA Own house Seeks well qualified girl caste/language no bar, 6366467911

SEEKING A Hindu bride for a Malayali independent financial analyst (MSc. Finance from London, UK), aged 36, and based in Calicut. Contact- cmb007@rediffmail.com

DIVORCEE

IYER DIVORCEE Boy Vadoolam Thiruvonam 47/168 Director IT MNC Seeks Iyer / Iyengar Graduate Girl Divorcee / Widow without Issues 9841942915

DIVORCEE IYENGAR Kowsika Sravana 48yr MBA IT Sales 13L/Annum Seek MiddleClass Girl 9363358127, 9884552891

DOCTOR

NAIDU BOY 26/5ft 6inch MDS wants BDS/MDS Girl 8237710376 (whatapp) birgoledemede786@gmail.com

MALAYALAM

NAIR BOY 38, Chathayam Nakshathram settled in Coimbatore working in HCL Technologies (WFH) looking for a suitable proposal. Please contact: 9884546059

WANTED SMART and homely Bride for a fair and smart business man of 33 years (Hindu, Tamil) from a reputed family doing business in India & UK. Contact: 9840377444

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN NADAR, 34yrs/178cms, MBBS with dip in Cardiology Private Doctor good looking lives in Nagercoil, Innocent Divorcee seeks same caste qualified Bride/ Divorcee above 28yrs. Ct: 90039 83230.

PARENTS ARE looking for partner for their son 46 years old divorced and no children. He lives in UK and a Bsc degree holder. He is working for a IT company looking for a partner must have a good education and cast no bar. Please apply with photograph to David Rajeswar on WhatsApp : +44 7956368378 email : drajes007@yahoo.co.uk

MUSLIM BOY 29/176 BE(ECE) MBA (IIM) Proj Manager MNC 28L P/A well to do Family in Chennai. 94455 56810

MBA, 43 yrs/167, Handsome, Manager MNC, Brahmin, lives in Chennai. Seeks Tamil/Kannada bride from a decent, educated family. Contact: 73387 39784

SENGUNTHAR KETTAI 36/165, M.Tech (Ph.D), Asst. Prof.(HOD) Pvt. Engg. College, Pondicherry, seeks bride age 28 to 35yrs. Cont:9442557578

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DKV 33/173 Hastham Manager Govt Bank seeks suitable bride from educated family. Caste No bar. 9940507235

TAMIL HINDU / Christian / AD / PR Maham Simham handsome 33 years M.Tech working in a Multinational software company. Well to do family from Chidambaram and settled at Chennai. Type I diabetic and in control. Suitable good looking bride solicited with details. Caste no bar. email id: armanojsurya@gmail.com

GAVARA NAIDU, 36, BE, MBA, Uthiralathi, Bank Manager, Seeks Bride From South Tamilnadu. 9443172955

TAMIL YADAVA CNB–A Business Family from Ooty seeks Bride for their son 29 years MBA Family Business Thiruvonam–Magaram From Business/ Professional Family From Yadava/ Pillai/Mudaliar. CT: 9443115000,

HINDU BERI Chetty Fair 28/178 working in Australia 75000 AuD. Seeks Bride to Settle in Australia. Sub Caste ok. Ct : 9841084538

HINDU MUDALIAR Civil Engineer Working in Abu Dhabi Only Son 34yrs 167cms 36 Lakhs Per Annum Seeks Suitable Bride Caste no bar.Ct: 9003575687

HINDU SC AD 33/172/ Star Rohini Ph.D Chemistry, CSIR RA seeks suitable Bride (Age: 28–31) employed. Ct: 9994153134, 9840490934

WIDOWER DOCTOR 59, seeks life partner from widow, divorcee & spinster. E–mail: selvajothi1962@gmail.com

CHETTIAR REMARRIAGE 36 MBBS MS 6.6 Own hospital Ch seeks 1st Marriage girl only CNB Ct Geetham 9884558014

REDDY REMARRIAGE 37 BCom MBA 6.2 Thiruvonam Chennai seeks educated girl CNB Ct Geetham 9884558014

HINDU NADAR 28,180cm, BE/MS Income Rs.8,00,000/– USA Seeks Suitable Bride KA Raman Nadar 9380791999

CHENNAI KIND fair innoc divorcee 39yrs GM Sports. Dr Family. Cen. Govt 2L/mth. Edu simple girl 9884171419

SC/HINDU/ 29/179CM software professional in Australia seeks alliance,CNB, Ct:9884229468,9150546681

DIVORCEE RC– Christian 35yrs/ 171 Cms. B.Sc, Hotel Mgmt. working in Cruise Ship 10L/PA. seeking suitable Bride without Child. Ct: 8825924783

TAMIL YADAVA: 27/(165cm), B.Tech, Data Scientist @ IT–MNC(chennai), Salary 22 LPA, Residing own flat in chennai. Seeks working bride (Professional) from well Educated and Cultured Family.Ct:9840494566

HINDU VELLALA Pillai / Mudaliar Thiruvonam, 29 yrs/ 177CM, M.E., Handsome, BOB–Nationalised Bank Officer Seeks Suitable Bride Central /State /Govt Staff/ Govt Schools / Colleges, Sub Caste No Bar. Ct:6374741850 / 9715191579

GAVARA NAIDU, 38/180, Uthiradam, Maharam, B.E.,M.S(Engg), Chief Engr, MNC Chennai, 15L PA, First marriage seeks educated Bride. Ct: 9487272897

TAMIL CHETTIAR 39/176 fair well–settled Ch., ME Str Mngr, 21LPA seeks suitable girl Caste no bar Ct: 9994664546.

TAMIL

PILLAI MOOLAM 32/177, BE, MBA, SWE, MNC 7.3 LPA Chennai Seeks Employed, Hindu, CNB. 95001 47451

IYER BOY Vadamal 33yrs 177cm. Income 5L P/A Seeks Good Looking Suitable Bride. Subsect No Bar. 9840843422

VELAMA BALIJA SWE USA 33 Vaga Propertied Chennai Seeks employed Bride Caste No Bar 9841773117/ 9884252871

TAMIL VISWAKARMA 40/170 Fair Thiruvonam ACA ACMA/ MNC /70,000 seeks same Caste Bride 9486320982

HINDU NADAR, 38/185, M.Tech (IIT Madras : Microelectronics & VLSI Design), Principal Design Engineer (Chip Design) in an MNC in Bangalore, Eggetarian, Star:Kettai, seeks well educated, unmarried, suitable bride (30–34 yrs). Caste No Bar. Veg/Eggetarian preferred. Ct: 9840117920

AGAMUDAIYA MUDALIYAR, divorce, 40, Mirugasiridam, 170cm, Slim, Ph.D, Govt. Job, 1.10 lakh p/m, 7904550883

B.E. NETWORK Engineer 38yrs Clean habits OBC Intercaste Parentage, Owning flat in Chennai Seeks graduate bride 30–35yrs. No Caste bar with in OBC. Ct– 9444223357, 9444475673

WIDOWER 65 Wants Life Companion. Seeks NRI, Doctors, Business Woman, Widows, Divorcee. Age & Religion No Bar. 8778447578.

CASTE NOBAR 40/164cm Teamlead 15LPA MNC Bangalore contact 9742224560 chockalingamp@gmail.com

SENGUNTHAR CHENNAI 29/163/ ME Structural Engr Kanni Hastham seeks Business/ Professional family from Mudaliyar/ Pillai/ Yadava. 7550250911

YADAVA 39, MBA, GM–Sales@Pvt. Ltd, Salary 1.25L/Month, Caste No Bar, Matrimony ID M8821922 Ct: 8610014920

BC GROOM, 38yrs, Managing Director in the top MNC, banglore seeks suitable well educated bride (CNB) . Contact: (080–69074915)

30, FAMILIAR Singer/ Music Faculty/ Divorcee/Music Family Veg Seeks Musician/Music Interested/Educated Bride from Simple Family 9092667808

ELITE MUDALIAR 28/ BE owns 100 buses Rich family seeks Rich bride Ct: 7200261496

LONDON BASED RC boy 29 yrs/175 cm/B.Tech placed in senior position looking for an alliance from suitable brides.Interfaith no bar. Contact 9381041068.

MUDALIAR 29/178, Handsome, MBBS, MS,Govt Hospital, 1200000.PA, Affluent Family, CNB. 7299576644,7299576666

IYENGAR–VG, N.KASHYAPA, Karthigai, 1975, Double Post Grad. Cln Habs, Dcnt Inc, Chennai. Seeks Suitable Bhmn/Veg Bride For 1st Marriage. Ct: 9025085295 / kannanr3655@gmail.com

COIMBATORE, MBA 39yrs, legally divorced, no kids, 10 Lakh per annum MNC job. Expects qualified, slim & short girl desires to settle in Coimbatore. Call: 98431 60694, 94430 60030.

PILLAI/ MUDALIAR 27/180 Handsome BE, MBA, Industrialist, Leading Manufacturer of PVC Pipes & Water Tanks, Elite Family, Madurai Seeks Good looking Bride/Any degree– 8939012419

TAMIL IYER, 33 years, Swathi, Naithruve Kashyapa Gothram, 5 feet, 10 inches, B.E. M.S. Ph.D (Biotech), Employed as a Research Scientist in Melbourne. Requires a PG–qualified girl from India or abroad. Iyengar, Madhava, or Telugu brahmin girls are also welcome. Contact: +64 211677071, Email: rammuthu893@gmail.com

BRAHMIN32/179MS USA/H1B/140 Koundinya Vadama Magham Simha Seeks Brahmin bride MS USA employed 9500118943

BRAHMIN IYER VADULAM Uthiram Nov 1977 BSc(MCA)MNC, IT 24Lakh PA Seeks unmarried Brahmin Girl 9841071359

ASTASHASRAM KARTHIGAI 53 MBA M.S, well settled Seeks educated 1st Marriage any Iyer brides only. BHP : sree.lashmi108@gmail.com

IYER VADAMA Athreya Thiruvathirai Unmarried 58yrs SmartHealthy Self-Employment Chennai Elec. 40k PM. Seeks Bite 50Yrs Unmarried/Widow Brahmin or Vegetarian Open Minded Without AnyExpectation GoodFamily 9840846524

TAMIL

IYER BOY 28/182, Finance Analyst in US Co.at Bangalore. 12 LPA Seeks Employed Brahmin Bride 7828151751

BRIDE WANTED
A High Profile, Well - Established (Business) Family in Chennai, Looking for a Beautiful, Tall, Cultured Girl for their Tall, Suave, Humble and Caring 29 Year Old Son.
secretarytanya410@gmail.com
✆ 80726 23211

TIRUNELVELI Saiva Pillai 29,170cms B.Tech MS(France), Star Maham, lives in Coimbatore, looking family Engg Businss. Father is an Industrialist. Expecting for a compatible match from the same community. CT: 9944972283 / 9944972281.

31 / 164cm, ME., Assistant Professor Chennai Divorcee seeks suitable Bride Unmarried/Divorcee-no issue, Naidu, Mudaliar /Pillai /Reddiyar/Chettiar Pref Contact: 94430 52596/ 94456 89305

TELUGU

Mala Christian Govt Central University Professor, Male 40 Yrs 5'7 seek Bride + -30y. 9885757388/ 9494964312.

Devangar Chettiar, Chennai, MDS Graduate, 12 LPA, Divorced, Age: 37, Ashwini, seeks only Never Married Bride with any Degree. Contact: 9444120928.

KANNI UTHIRAM 35/178 BCA, LLB Reputed Co Chennai, Divorcee seeks Unmerried Bride, Caste No Bar. 9962080448

REDDY 1991, 171cm, Very Fair, Uttara Phalguni, NRI, Graduated from Top US and UK Universities, in Senior Position at Leading Multinational Company in US. Established family. Speaks English, Telugu and Tamil. Girl should have studied in US and prepared to work and settle in Boston, US. Full details with Photo and Family Background to WhatsApp: +91 9444899696

WANTED TELUGU Balija Bride Sub caste no bar Boy 31 years Well qualified & settled Contact no 9840099917

TELUGU VANNAR, 1984, MBA, Kanni, Astham, Manager in MNC, 20 Lac PA, Any Telugu. Contact : 82480 12326

KAMMA NAIDU Swathi 37 /172/BE Widower with 7yr old son business seeks divorcee with no children from same caste. Mail: jeyaraj1954@gmail.com

TELUGU KAPU boy, age 28, height 6ft 1inch, B.Tech from IIT Kanpur, Gazetted Group A officer in Govt of India posted at Mumbai seeks alliance. Contact 9453045661.

ALLIANCE INVITED for son/29/well–built/BTech/IT PROF/Hyderabad. Naidu Gajula Balija. Hyderabad matches preferred. Ct:nskpagadala@gmail.com

BRIDE WANTED
Naidu, 42/168cm ME remarriage own Multi Business Net income Rs.2 Crore Per Annum.
Seeks Suitable 1st / 2nd Issueless Doctor/Engineer Bride from Good Agriculture / Business Family.
Ct: 94450 21512

URDU

SMU BOY 34/ 170, Smart, B.Sc, PGDCA, Govt. Service Chennai Seeks Graduate Bride. Ct: 94456 78086

SMU 36/5'8" M.E MNC seeks any Graduate Fair unmarried Bride Whatsapp Bio and Photo to Contact: 8925663049, 7639384846

SMU SHEIK, 47 yrs, B-Tech superintendent in Saudi Mech-Engg. Namazi, clean habits, caring person, seeks a Soulmate PIOUS with family values. CT: 73396-80768.

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MLAs, ticket aspirants flock to Ganesha pandals with an eye on upcoming polls

They are offering donations generously for community celebrations and also distributing gifts to different groups, making the best use of the occasion

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With about eight months to go for the Assembly elections in Karnataka, politicians are making the best use of Ganesha festival celebrations to reach out to voters. People's representatives, ticket aspirants, and their supporters are offering donations generously for community celebrations and also distributing gifts to different groups using the pandals.

After restrictions on public celebrations of the festival due to COVID-19 last two years, this time the number of Ganesha pandals in several towns has gone up. Every locality has at least three or four pandals each managed by a separate group. All prominent leaders of the BJP, the Congress, and the JD(S) are said to have offered donations to such groups. For example, in Hassan, many pandals are being identified with political parties, considering the prominent donors.

Freebies and more

Supporters of Hassan MLA Preetham J. Gowda of the BJP distributed saris to hundreds of women to mark the Gowri festival. BJP members are actively involved in Panchajanya Hindu Ganapati Utsava being held for the first time on the premises of Hasanamba Kalakshetra, a government building. On the first day of the six-day event, Mr. Gowda felicitated municipal workers after washing their feet. Not to be left behind, Congress leader Banavase Rangaswamy, an aspirant for the party's ticket for the coming election, washed the feet of municipal workers at another pandal near Hemavati Statue Circle.

Preetham Gowda, MLA, washing the feet of a municipal worker as part of Ganesha festival celebration in Hassan.
•SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Leaders of the JD(S) too have offered donations to many groups to hold community celebrations. Bhavani Revanna, a former ZP member and wife of the former Minister H.D. Revanna, visited a few pandals. Her visits gave impetus to speculation that she would contest from Hassan seat in the coming election.

'Covert spending'

In Chitradurga district, leaders of the BJP and the Congress are said to have sponsored over 500 pandals in Chitradurga taluk alone. According to a Congress leader, politicians have donated at least ₹10,000 each to pandals. This is covert spending for elections in advance, he said.

Similarly, in northern Karnataka districts, most of the legislators are supporting Ganesha pandals in various ways. In some districts, leaders have borne the cost of the idols, the pandals or mass lunches.

This trend is seen across parties. Congress leaders such as Ganesh Hukkeri and Lakshmi Hebbalkar have supported pandals in their constituency, their supporters say. But the most visible trend this year is the distribution of Hindutva ideologue V.D. Savarkar's images to Ganesh pandals by BJP leaders.

Abhay Patil, MLA, Belagavi South, said he deemed it his duty to support the pandals. "I am supporting the pandals since my days as a youth activist. I have also been actively involved in the installation of idols, organisation and the immersion procession," he said.

Savarkar images

Anil Benake, MLA, Belagavi North, said he had taken it upon himself to distribute images Savarkar to the pandals. He said he was also extending financial and logistic support to the youth who were celebrating the festival in various areas. "I am a true-bred Belgaumite. How can I shy away from a grand Ganesha festival? Our spirits are higher this year, as the lockdown had stopped us from celebrating the festival for two years," he said. Mr. Benake claimed he had distributed 200 Savarkar photos and 10,000 t-shirts with his image.

In Vijayapura, the former MLA Appu Pattanashetty of the BJP is distributing grains and other materials to some pandals for mass lunches. Like others, he too claimed it had nothing to do with political aspirations.

"I am not doing this in competition with anyone else. I am doing this for my own sake," he said.

State incurs ₹7,467-crore loss as southwest monsoon marches on

Crop damage alone is estimated at ₹5,569 crore; 11,280 houses have been fully damaged

NAGESH PRABHU
BENGALURU

As all districts of Karnataka received heavy rain during the last three months of the southwest monsoon, agricultural and horticultural crops on 5.74 lakh hectares of land worth ₹3,569 crore across the State have been damaged.

The loss to crops, houses, and infrastructure has been estimated at ₹7,467.13 crore as of August 28, 2022.

According to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Center (KSNDMC), a total of 11,280 houses were fully damaged and 16,520 partially damaged. Agricultural and horticultural crops on 5,41,715 hectares and 32,248 hectares, respectively, were damaged.

From June 1 to September 3, 13 districts received large excess rainfall, while nine districts each received excess rainfall and normal rainfall. At the level of hoblis, 443 hoblis received large excess rainfall, while 193 hoblis received excess rainfall, and 195 hoblis received normal rainfall. Deficient rainfall was experienced in 18 hoblis. Large deficient rainfall was experienced in one hobli.

Rain damage as of August 28, 2022

- Total damaged houses - **11,280**
- Partially damaged houses - **16,520**
- Animal loss (big) - **360**
- Animal loss (small) - **254**
- Agricultural crops - **5,41,715 ha**
- Horticultural crops - **32,248 ha**
- Urban roads - **4,155 km**
- Rural roads - **15,847 km**
- Number of bridges - **1,648**
- School buildings - **7,154**
- Anganwadi centres - **3,863**
- PHCs - **237**
- Electricity poles - **23,058**
- Transformers - **2232**
- Wire conductors - **1,596 km**
- Minor irrigation tanks - **293**

Crop damage alone is estimated at ₹5,569 crore

Source: KSNDMC

An official in the Agriculture Department told *The Hindu* that officials in many districts had completed surveys of crop damage and started uploading the data crop-wise on Aadhaar-linked Parihara portal. The officer said many farmers lost crops such as greengram, maize, paddy, cotton, and sunflower in several districts of Karnataka. As agricultural fields in low-lying areas were waterlogged, standing paddy crops and harvested paddy crops stacked in fields were exposed to water in a few districts, said a field officer of the department.

Ramanagaram is known as Silk City because of the quality silk produced here. Silk factories here were damaged due to recent rain. "About 150 silk factories are damaged by rain," KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar said a couple of days ago. The Opposition Congress has slammed the BJP government for tardy progress in the payment of monetary relief to farmers who had lost crops in the rain.

Sowing target

The Agriculture Department has set a target for sowing on 82 lakh hectares and nearly 78 lakh hectares had been sown in the State during the kharif season, covering more than 95% of the targeted area.

Revenue Minister R. Ashok, who toured different districts said, "The State has incurred losses to the tune of ₹7,467 crore due to heavy rain that continues, leaving a trail of destruction. We will be requesting a Central relief of ₹1,012.5 crore as per the NDRF norms. We will get Central relief, but the Chief Minister has given instructions to provide immediate relief without waiting."

Heavy rain damages coffee crop, infrastructure in plantations

Yield loss estimated at over 35%, says Karnataka Planters' Association

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

Coffee growers in Karnataka have incurred 35% yield losses after heavy rain lashed and damaged plantations in the coffee heartlands of the State, Karnataka Planters' Association (KPA) has said.

Heavy rain has been battering plantation districts of Chikkamagaluru, Kodagu, Hassan, and Chamarajanagar since July 1, causing huge damage to the coffee crop, coffee plants, and estate infrastructure, as per KPA.

Coffee plants have shed leaves and berries after standing in water for days; and (right) a plantation affected by heavy rain.
•SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The coffee plants are affected by both stalk rot and root rot diseases. Growers assess the damage to the coffee crop, coffee plants, and estate infrastructure in general. The yield loss itself is estimated at more than 35%," N. Ramanathan, Chairman, KPA, told *The Hindu*.

Overdose of rain

Heavy rain has adversely affected normal life in these plantation districts. Streams are overflowing, water has stagnated in the low-lying areas and coffee plants are marooned. Several trees in the plantations have also fallen due to rain with strong winds further damaging the coffee plants, he said.

A large number of coffee plants have been standing in water for weeks now. "Plants start shedding leaves and berries after standing in water for a week, causing huge loss to planters," Mr. Ramanathan added.

Steady and slow rain for a long time is good for plantations. But this time, in a short span of a few days, the region has received an overdose of rain. "The rain in July and August was 26% above average normal rainfall. Consequently, the coffee berries have turned black and have dropped off due to which the crop is lost and the quality of remaining coffee crop on the plants has also deteriorated," he stated.

Restructure loans

At this juncture, the KPA asked the Coffee Board and departments of Revenue and Horticulture to inspect the flood-affected areas of coffee-growing regions in Karnataka and further assess the damage.

The KPA also requested the State government to declare affected villages in Chikkamagaluru, Kodagu, Hassan, and Chamarajanagar districts as flood-affected areas.

Further, the planters' body also asked both Central and State governments to provide relief to the affected plantation growers. "Banks should also take note of the coffee damage and restructure existing loans and provide relief to coffee growers who incurred huge losses during this monsoon," Mr. Ramanathan said.

FROM PAGE ONE

HC sets aside CET-2022 ranking for engineering courses

"The decision to consider marks of only CET-2022 'stood exhausted' for the academic year 2021-22 as there was no further amendment or extension of it for the academic year 2022-23," the court said.

The different yardsticks applied by authorities was "contrary to the principles of legitimate expectation and promissory estoppel" and was "discriminatory and arbitrary apart from being unreasonable and unfair" as II PU marks of 2021 was considered for admission to undergraduate courses for the academic year 2022-23, the court said.

"The rules of the game/eligibility criteria cannot be changed after it has begun and when the selection process is nearly completion," the court observed, while pointing out that even while also pointing out that even the CET-2022 bulletin did not contain information on considering only CET-2022 marks for students who passed II PU in 2021.

Govt. and freshers mull over challenging High Court order

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court order of Saturday on CET-2022 repeaters (students who had passed II Pre-University Course in 2021 and had appeared for the entrance test this year) will mean upsetting the engineering ranks which were published by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) on July 30.

The High Court quashed the CET-2022 engineering rankings and directed the State government and the KEA to redo the rankings by taking II PU and CET-2022 marks in 50:50 ratio even for the petitioner-students who passed II PU in 2021. The KEA, while allotting ranks, had taken into account only CET marks for repeaters.

A total of 2.1 lakh students had appeared for the CET and 1.71 lakh students were declared eligible for engineering courses and assigned ranks. Among them, around 26,000 are repeaters.

Now, both the State government and the CET-2022 rank holders (freshers of II PUC 2021-22) are planning to challenge the Saturday's order.

Abhishek, a student from Hubballi, argued that treating them on a par with repeaters was unfair. He told to *The Hindu*, "I got 20,300th rank in the CET-2022 for engineering courses. According to the court order, if the KEA redoes the rankings, my place will change. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, those who wrote II PU exam in 2021 did not face the exam the way we did. The government declared the results on the basis of marks in Class X, 1 PUC, practical exam marks and also attendance. Additionally, they also got around 15% grace marks. Compared to us who wrote full-fledged exam, they got higher scores in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics. They also took one additional year to prepare for CET-2022, but we got only one-month time."

"We have no choice but to challenge the order," he said.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education, said, "We will discuss in detail with the Chief Minister after seeing the court order and then take an appropriate decision."

Investment proposals worth ₹2,750 cr. cleared

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State-Level Single Window Clearance Committee (SLSWCC), headed by Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh R. Nirani on Saturday cleared a total of 53 investment proposals worth ₹2,750.55 crore, promising 8,619 jobs.

Nine investment proposals above ₹50 crore were approved and these proposals would invest around ₹1,670.69 crore with 4,308 employment opportunities. Mr. Nirani said 41 investment proposals had promised to invest over ₹1,062 crore with 4,311 jobs. Major investment proposals cleared include Ukem Agri Infra Ltd. (₹497.95 crore), Sundari Sugars Ltd. (₹402.24 crore), Everest Industries (₹187 crore), and Koppal Toys Moulding Co. Pvt. Ltd. (₹131.94 crore).

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CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Tenders called in e-Procurement for the works under 5054-SCP, 5054- TSP, 3054-SCP , 3054-TSP & 5054- Appendix-E For The year 2021-22 in Chittapur and Chincholi Taluka.

Ref:- 1) This office tender notification No. 1361, Dated : 26-07-2022

With reference to the above subject, The tender called for the works from Chittapur taluka **PART-I** Work Indent No 5054-SCP – 154869, 5054- TSP- 154870, 3054 -SCP-154883 & 3054- TSP-154884 & PART-II - 5054-SH Improvements- 154722 & 5054- MDR- Improvements- 154851. Chincholi taluka **PART-II** Work Indent No 5054- MDR- Improvements- 153884 & 5054-SH Improvements- 154858 are postponed by technical issue in the e-procurement Portal. The Calendar of Events for the works read is under.

1) Pre-Bid Meeting Date : **23/09/2022 upto 17.30 Hrs.** 2) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **26/09/2022 upto 17.30 Hrs.** 3) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **28/09/2022 at 16.00 Hrs.** 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **29/09/2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **30/09/2022 at 16.30 Hrs.**

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Step up efforts to tackle drug menace: Amit Shah

Home Minister chairs Southern Zonal Council meet in Kerala

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday called upon southern States to explore joint solutions to issues related to the sharing of river water and also step up efforts to tackle the drug menace.

Chairing the 30th Southern Zonal Council meeting of south Indian States and Union Territories at Kovalam here, Mr. Shah asked the States to hold regular meetings of the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) for effectively tackling the problem of narcotics.

He said the Union Home Ministry had tried to crack down on narcotics with utmost vigilance. States should hold regular meetings of the NCORD (set up by the MHA in 2016 for effective drug law enforcement) and take them to the district level.

Mr. Shah urged Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to mutually resolve pending issues related to the State bifurcation. He said there was immense potential for increasing trade and export of marine products in the region. Out of 3,461 fishing villages in the country, 1,763 were in the Southern Zonal Council area. Since 2015, ₹4,206 crore had been sanctioned for the Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund scheme in the southern States.

At the meeting, a total of 26 issues were discussed. Nine issues were resolved, 17 issues were reserved for further consideration, of which nine were related to reorganisation of Andhra Pradesh.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Andhra Pradesh Finance and Planning Minister Bugganna Rajendranath, Telangana Home Minister Mohammed Mahmood Ali, Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, Lakshadweep Administrator Praful Patel, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Lieutenant Governor D.K. Joshi, and officials of the Union and State governments and the Union Territories attended the meet.

Coordination meet: Home Minister Amit Shah and other delegates at the 30th Southern Zonal Council meeting of States and Union Territories, in Kovalam on Saturday. • S. MAHINSHA

Keep federal structure intact, says Kerala CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has underscored the need for having "fruitful discussion" on laws concerning subjects on the Concurrent List of the Constitution before they are enacted by Parliament.

Mr. Vijayan was addressing the 30th meeting of the Southern Zonal Council of south Indian States and Union Territories which was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Kovalam.

"There can be contestations but through discussions and debates, consensus can emerge, narrowing down the areas of differences. This is the essence of a healthy federal democracy," Mr. Vijayan said. Cooperative federalism required continuous exchange of ideas among all stakeholders. The legislative fields of the Centre and the States were clearly delineated. The Constitution contained provisions for resolving differences and contestations between the Union and the States and also among the States, he said.

"Power is not to be envisaged as a hierarchical and pyramidal structure, but as one which moves in concentric circles, with each tier of government having its defined territorial jurisdiction," Mr. Vijayan said.

He wanted the Centre to adopt a "proactive stand" so that States could undertake productive spending to galvanise the national economy.

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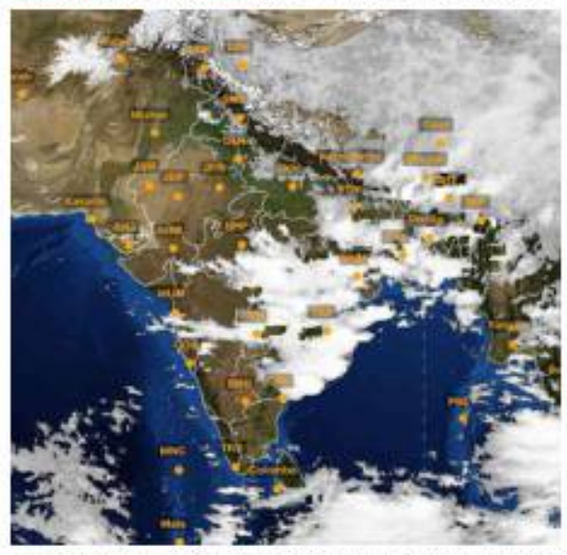
RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places likely over Uttarakhand, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh; heavy rainfall at isolated places over Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal, Karnataka, Rayalaseema, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	11.0	34.8	25.4	Kozhikode	–	30.6	24.6
Ahmedabad	–	34.2	26.2	Kurnool	10.0	32.5	24.8
Aizawl	0.6	–	21.7	Lucknow	–	33.0	25.9
Allahabad	–	35.2	27.0	Madurai	10.0	34.0	23.8
Bengaluru	–	27.4	21.0	Mangaluru	–	30.1	23.3
Bhopal	–	32.6	24.4	Mumbai	–	32.2	26.6
Bhubaneswar	–	35.7	26.6	Mysuru	–	30.1	23.3
Chandigarh	–	34.5	26.2	New Delhi	–	35.5	26.6
Chennai	–	32.4	25.8	Patna	–	34.0	27.0
Coimbatore	–	32.4	23.0	Port Blair	0.1	31.5	26.0
Dehradun	8.0	29.4	22.3	Puducherry	–	31.2	24.0
Gangtok	22.0	21.6	17.8	Pune	–	32.4	23.2
Goa	–	30.5	24.6	Raipur	–	34.0	27.4
Guwahati	–	33.4	26.2	Ranchi	0.2	32.8	23.4
Hubballi	–	30.0	22.0	Shillong	3.0	24.5	18.3
Hyderabad	–	32.1	24.2	Shimla	0.3	25.9	19.5
Imphal	0.3	29.8	20.7	Srinagar	–	31.4	18.2
Jaipur	6.0	33.2	25.0	Thiruvananthapuram	12.0	29.1	23.6
Kochi	0.4	29.2	24.4	Tiruchi	–	33.5	25.0
Kohima	4.0	–	17.2	Vijayawada	4.0	32.6	25.8
Kolkata	8.0	35.4	24.9	Visakhapatnam	–	35.8	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	65	69	.60	72	88	
Bengaluru	7	34	.39	50	102	
Chennai	2	38	.89	18	17	
Delhi	32	75	–	121	244	
Hyderabad	6	7	.91	18	38	
Kolkata	6	12	.9	18	53	
Lucknow	16	46	.92	48	72	
Mumbai	12	8	111	165	136	
Pune	–	–	–	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	–	28	.13	16	37	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Yamunanagar, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 173 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Murugha Mutt case: Seer questioned all day based on statement of minor girls

His bail plea likely to come up before court tomorrow

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, who was denied permission to proceed to Bengaluru for treatment and remanded in police custody on Friday, was questioned throughout the day by investigating officers at the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police in Chitradurga on Saturday.

According to sources, Investigating Officer Anilkumar and his team continued questioning the seer in connection with the alleged sexual harassment of two minor girls at the mutt. After being granted custody of the seer by the court, the police took the seer for medical examination at the district hospital before taking him to the Dy.SP's office on Friday evening. He was questioned till midnight, sources said.

On Saturday, the officials resumed the questioning of the seer, seeking answers from him on various aspects based on the statements by the minor girls. The seer is the prime accused and four others have been named as accused in the case filed under POCSO Act. The second accused, the warden of the hostel, where the victims stayed, has also been arrested. The investigating team took the seer to the district hospital on Saturday afternoon for medical examination and samples were taken for various tests by the paramedical staff. He was then taken back to the Dy.SP's office to continue questioning.

Meanwhile, Vishwanath, counsel for the seer, has approached the Second Additional District and Sessions Court seeking bail on health grounds. The bail application was filed on Saturday and is likely to come up before the court on Monday. The police custody of the seer ends on Monday and he is to be produced before the court on that day.

New administrator

Meanwhile, the former judge S.B. Vastramathad has taken charge as the new administrator of the mutt. The earlier administrator and former MLA S.K. Basavarajan was dismissed from the post by the mutt, accusing him of conspiring against the seer. In a release, the temporary head of the mutt Mahanta Rudreshwara Swami has said that activities of the mutt are being conducted. The monthly mass marriage at the mutt would be conducted as per the schedule on September 5.

Police yet to act in HQ attack case: AIADMK

It is dismayed by progress of the probe

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The AIADMK will wait for a few more days before approaching the Madras High Court with a petition for an expeditious investigation in the party headquarters attack case, according to C. Ve. Shanmugam, Rajya Sabha member and former Law Minister.

Expressing dismay over the progress of the police investigation, Mr. Shanmugam told journalists here on Saturday that despite the Greater Chennai Police informing the High Court that a First Information Report (FIR) was filed on August 13 against former CM O. Panneerselvam and others on a complaint accusing them of having stolen cash, property documents and other materials from the headquarters on July 11, they had not visited the scene of crime yet. Referring to the passage of a considerable amount of time since the occurrence of the crime and the transfer of the cases to the CB-CID, Mr. Shanmugam accused Mr. Panneerselvam of having carried out the attack. The government had not yet acted against those responsible for the crime. "The police remain a mute spectator," he contended.

Medical board set up to treat 12-year-old rabies patient

STAFF REPORTER
KOTTAYAM

Amidst rising concerns over the quality of anti-rabies vaccine supplied across Kerala, the State government on Saturday announced the constitution of a medical board to supervise the treatment of the 12-year-old girl who has been undergoing treatment for rabies.

An official statement said Kerala Health Minister Veena George had directed the Director of Medical Education to constitute the board by combining experts from different departments.

The 12-year-old girl, a native of Ranni, was infected with rabies after being bitten by a stray dog two weeks ago. Though she had been administered anti-rabies vaccine at the Pathanamthitta General Hospital, her condition became worse by Friday and she was shifted to the Government Medical College hospital in Kottayam. Hospital sources said the victim was on ventilator support.

Expert treatment

Meanwhile, the Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan has urged the State government to ensure expert treatment to the girl and bear the cost of her treatment.

"The sterilisation of dogs has come to a complete halt over the past two years and the ABC programme is not taking place. The local self-governments are not in a position to do this by expending their own funds. Understand the shortcomings and take steps to solve them immediately," said Mr. Satheesan, in a letter to the Chief Minister.

The State has witnessed an uptick in dog bite cases over the past one month.

Green measures

Spick and span: A worker cleaning the Saroornagar Lake using an excavator following the immersion of Ganesha idols, in Hyderabad on Saturday. The immersion marks the culmination of Vinayaka Chaturthi. • G. RAMAKRISHNA

Telangana paying huge interest on Kaleshwaram project: FM

Nirmala quoted RTI reply on debt servicing for the project

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said here on Saturday that the Telangana government was servicing its debt on Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project by paying interest in the range of 8.25 to 10.9% per annum.

Quoting an RTI reply on debt servicing for the multi-crore project, Ms. Sitharaman asked at a press conference whether such a high interest rate was sustainable. Even the cost of running the water pumps of the motors was not sustainable.

The State government grounded the project without preparing the detailed project report. This escalated the project cost from ₹40,000 crore to ₹1.40 lakh crore, she said.

The Minister asserted that the State was burdened with borrowings outside budget, which the government accepted but urged the Centre not to club them with budgeted loans for the purpose of remaining within Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management limits.

The out of budget borrowings were done by State Public Sector Undertakings, which had their own revenue sources but lacked repayment capacity because the quantum of credit was huge and targeted by the government for other purposes. This was unacceptable to the Centre.

"You might get the money in the name of Transco or Genco and spend it for your needs. Ultimately, will these agencies pay or the government," Ms. Sitharaman asked.

Nirmala Sitharaman addressing a press conference at the BJP office in Hyderabad on Saturday. • NAGARA GOPAL

Short film *Binary Error* exploring gender inclusivity

Trainee-pilot Harry used his life as basis for his character

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

In journalist-turned-filmmaker Anjana George's short film *Binary Error*, the key character of Anirudh played by debutant Adam Harry says that his mother did not have the courage to accept her son as a transgender person. He has used the script of his own life as a transman for his character in the film.

The 23-year-old transgender trainee-pilot recently hit headlines after the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) requested him to submit a new application for medical assessment required for further training to become an airline pilot, two years after he was told that the hormone therapy he was undergoing for gender transition rendered him unfit to fly.

Adam Harry

"I wrote the dialogues for my character to make sure that the perspective was right. As a transman, I had faced similar bullying and harassment from various quarters," he says.

The film features Mr. Harry as a transman struggling to find a space in his family. The short film was produced under the banner 'Nerambokku', a YouTube channel helmed by filmmaker Midhun Manuel Thomas to support budding filmmakers. Ms. George says the film is dedicated to people belonging to gender minorities, who have lost their lives fighting against the systemic gender norms.

Rare Ganesha sculpture found in A.P.

Vinayaka is in a fighting posture in the sculpture at Chennakesava Swamy temple

STAFF REPORTER
GUNTUR

A rare sculpture of Lord Vinayaka in a fighting posture has been found at the Chennakesava Swamy temple at Macharla town in Palnadu district of Andhra Pradesh.

E. Siva Nagireddy, archaeologist and CEO, Pleach India Foundation, who unearthed it during a survey around Macherla town, says that it bears a significant archaeological significance.

'Unusual one'

"This is an unusual Ganesha sculpture carved on the central part of the Rangamandapa pillar. The panel is delineated with the narrative of Durasadavadha (killing of Durasada, a demon) in which Ganesha kills the demon after a tough fight as mentioned in *Ganesha Purana*. Unlike the Ganesha images generally seen seated in *Lalitasana*, this image holding *Parasu* (battle axe), *Ankusa* (goad) in two hands and fighting the demon with another two hands is standing in *Alidhasana*," says Mr. Nagireddy.

Significant find: The sculpture found at Macherla in Palnadu district of Andhra Pradesh. • T. VIJAYA KUMAR

Two more

It is a one-of-its-kind posture, he says, and adds two more similar and contemporary sculptures of Ganesha engaged in killing Durasada are found at the 12th century Pachchala Someswara temple, Pangal in Nalgonda district, and the Rama temple, Sattenapalli, in Palnadu district.

He appeals to the temple authorities to display a board inside the temple complex with iconographic and historical details.

FROM PAGE ONE

Nano urea fast-tracked despite incomplete trials

IFFCO has said farmer field trials were done over four seasons on 94 crops across 21 States since 2019. Trials were continued during Kharif 2021-22 too in all the agro-climatic regions. Various combinations of nitrogen that were made available to plants were evaluated and the resulting yield compared. Overall yields from applying nano urea increased average yield by 7% compared to traditional practices deployed by farmers. When tested in fields that employed organic farming practices (no chemical fertilizers, save the nano urea) the yields jumped 11%.

The Hindu reached out to IFFCO for comments but hasn't received a response until publication.

One plant agronomist, who works for the Agriculture Ministry, told *The Hindu* that the process for approving a new fertilizer significantly depended on ICAR's field observations. It usually tested a product on approved research stations for at least three crop seasons. In the case of nano-urea, this evaluation was only for a two crop seasons.

A senior scientist privy to trial results said that while the practice was to gather trial data over three seasons before forwarding a recommendation, IFFCO had already conducted well designed trials including in farmer fields and Krishi Vikas Kendra research stations. "While company has claimed yield increases of even 25%, we didn't observe that. But we do see that urea is being saved," he said. When asked why a season's worth of data required was waived, "In our stations we saw some cases of yield increase by 3-8% but this wasn't significant on its own as anything from rain or climate could influence results," he added.

Trade data flags testing time for goods exports

Hinting that the government was working on a major package to spur exports, the Commerce Secretary said: "We would like the trend of flat exports to change, and measures will be taken to boost exports. India will also unveil a new Foreign Trade Policy on September 30 that should provide a fillip to exports."

Coal and petroleum imports were driving the rise in imports but the overall rise in inbound shipments was also a sign of healthy demand in the economy as 25% of India's imports were for consumer items, the Commerce Secretary said.

"The import surge reflects the strong demand of the domestic economy due to robust growth and strong fundamentals of the Indian economy. In value terms, the surge in imports is due to a combination of quantity and price factors," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said.

While the goods trade deficit is now about $125 billion for the April-August, Mr. Subrahmanyam said the overall trade deficit, factoring in about $300 billion of services exports in 2022-23, was likely to be $160-180 billion. "With remittances at $90 billion, we expect the current account deficit to be in the range of 3% of GDP. But the current primary concern is inflation and measures to cool price rise will result in some challenges on exports and imports front," he asserted.

ED searches fintech firms in loan app case

"It has come to notice that the said entities were doing their suspected illegal business through various merchant IDs/accounts held with payment gateways/banks. The premises of Razorpay Private Ltd., Cashfree Payments, Paytm Payment Services Ltd. and entities controlled/operated by Chinese persons are covered in the search operation," said the agency.

A Razorpay spokesperson said: "Some of our merchants were being investigated by law enforcement about a year and a half back. As part of the ongoing investigation, the authorities requested additional information to help with the investigation. We have fully cooperated and shared KYC and other details. The authorities were satisfied by our due diligence process." In a statement, Cashfree Payments' spokesperson said: "We extended our diligent co-operation to the ED operations, providing them the required and necessary information on the same day of enquiry. Our operations and on-boarding processes adhere to the PMLA [Prevention of Money Laundering Act] and KYC directions, and we will continue to do so."

FIR against two BJP MPs for entering ATC tower

"It is learnt that aircraft operations are permitted only till 5.30 p.m. In this context it is pertinent to mention that there is no facility at the airport for night take-off or landing," Mr. Manjunath Bhajantri wrote.

Soon after, the ATC personnel granted permission and the pilots and passengers returned to their aircraft and it took off.

Counter FIR filed

Mr. Dubey told *The Hindu*, "I have also registered an FIR in Delhi against the Deputy Commissioner and Jharkhand police. The sections under which the FIR against me has been registered are all bailable, but the FIR by Delhi police against Deogarh DC is under non-bailable sections. The FIR also names the airport director. Is the airport the property of the airport director or the DC?"

The BJP leader has alleged that he was obstructed from performing his duties as he is part of a committee constituted by the Union government's Ministry of Civil Aviation, and that there was a conspiracy to kill him. The FIR was registered on Saturday.

According to the FIR registered by the Delhi Police, Deoghar Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri and other police officials of Jharkhand police, have been booked under Section 124A (sedition), 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 448(punishment for house-trespass), 201 (Causing disappearance of evidence of offence), 506 (Punishment for criminal intimidation), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and section 7 of Official Secrets Act.

The FIR was registered on Saturday at North Avenue police station in Delhi.

The airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in July.

Flight test of LCA-Mk2 to be completed by 2027

Cabinet Committee on Security sanctioned the development of the model earlier this week at a total cost of ₹9,000 crore

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

With the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) sanctioning the development of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk2, a bigger and more capable fighter than the present one, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is setting a target of 2027 to complete the entire flight testing, according to Defence officials.

"The CCS sanctioned the project early this week at a total development cost of ₹9000 crore including the ₹2500 crore that has already been spent. The roll out of LCA-Mk2 is planned by 2024 and the target is to complete flight testing by 2027," one official said. Indian Air Force (IAF) has given commitment to procure six squadrons of LCA-MK2, another official said.

Approval awaited

The proposal on the indigenous fifth generation fighter, the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), is currently with the CCS and the approval is expected very soon, officials said.

The LCA-Mk2 will be a heavier and much more capable aircraft than the current LCA variants and the LCA-MkIA that is scheduled to be delivered to the IAF by early 2024, 83 of which have been contracted under a ₹48,000-crore deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL). As per schedule, the HAL is expected to deliver the first three MkIA aircraft in 2024 and 16 aircraft a year for the subsequent five years.

The IAF's Light Combat Aircraft Tejas. The picture is clicked during the Aero India 2021 event in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

The Mk2 features enhanced range and endurance, including an onboard oxygen generation system, which is being integrated for the first time, and the ability to carry heavy stand-off weapons of the class of Scalp, Crystal Maze and Spice-2000. The Mk2 is 1,350 mm longer, featuring canards and can carry a payload of 6,500 kg compared with the 3,500 kg the LCA can carry.

The Mk2 will be powered by the General Electric GE-414 engine, which will also power the AMCA. A GE-414 produces 98kN thrust compared to 84kN thrust of the GE-404 engine that powers the LCA MkIand MK1A.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has one squadron of LCA in initial operational clearance (IOC) and one squadron in the final operational clearance (FOC) configuration. Induction of all IOC standard aircraft is complete, while induction of FOC standard is nearing completion.

Manufacturing of the LCA trainer is also under way with deliveries expected to begin this year.

Twin-seater trainers

The IAF had earlier placed orders for 20 IOC standard aircraft and 20 FOC standard aircraft, including eight twin-seater trainers.

Till date, 31 LCA – IOC and FOC combined – have been produced and 26 have been delivered, and a few aircraft are in the process of being delivered to the customer, HAL sources said. HAL has already set up a second assembly line to ramp up production from eight aircraft per year to 16 aircraft per year. The order for 83 Mk-1A is expected to be completed by 2028-29.

Justice Chandrachud is new head of NALSA

He takes over from CJI U.U. Lalit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice D.Y. Chandrachud as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) on Friday, the Union Law Ministry said in a notification.

Justice Chandrachud takes up the position that became vacant after Justice U.U. Lalit was elevated as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI).

The NALSA has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to provide free legal services to the weaker sections of society.

While the CJI is the Patron-in-Chief, the second senior-most judge of the Supreme Court of India is the Executive Chairperson of the authority.

Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

Before being elevated as a judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Chandrachud served as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court and prior to that a judge of the Bombay High Court.

He was made a senior advocate in the Bombay High Court in June 1998. That year, he was appointed an Additional Solicitor General of India, a role he held until his appointment as a judge.

Four killed, 24 hurt as lorry rams stationary bus in U.P.

The vehicle was parked to change a punctured tyre

STAFF REPORTER
LUCKNOW

Four persons were killed and 24 injured after a lorry hit a parked bus carrying migrant workers from Nepal to Goa in the Ramanagar police station limits of Barabanki district in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday.

The bus had nearly 60 passengers on board.

"Four people were killed after a speeding truck rammed a bus which was parked to change a punctured tyre within the Ramanagar police station area of Barabanki district earlier today around 3.30 a.m. The bus was going from Nepal to Goa," Poornendu Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police (North), Barabanki, said.

"Two people, who were seriously injured, have been referred to the Lucknow Trauma Centre. The bus had around 60 passengers, and arrangements are being made to send them back to Nepal," he added.

Unfortunate incident: Wreckage of a bus after a speeding truck rammed it in Barabanki on Saturday. • PTI

Many poor Nepalese migrants travel to big Indian States and cities in search of jobs.

According to a recent survey conducted by Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, roughly 3,00,000 Nepalese work as labourers in New Delhi alone.

India shares an open, visa-free border with Nepal and enjoys deep-rooted civilisational ties with that country.

Rohtak firing: two students among 4 hurt

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ROHTAK

Four persons, including two students, were injured after being allegedly shot at in Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) here on Saturday with police probing whether a monetary dispute led to the incident, officials said.

The incident took place shortly after Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, who is also the Chancellor of the university, left the university after attending a function on the campus.

Three persons were stated to be involved in the crime. The attackers managed to flee after the incident, the police said.

"Four were injured. Preliminary investigations reveal that some monetary dispute was behind the crime," station house officer Pramod Gautam said.

AIMPLB says U.P.'s action on madrasas is unconstitutional

'Why same rules not applied to Hindu religious institutions?'

STAFF REPORTER
LUCKNOW

Amid the row over the Uttar Pradesh government's decision to conduct a survey of unrecognised madrasas in the State, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has targeted the BJP government, accusing it of taking arbitrary and unconstitutional action on madrasas "while keeping the Constitution at bay".

The AIMPLB, which is considered one of the leading bodies of Muslim opinion in India, also asked why the same rules did not apply for Hindu religious institutions such as maths and dharamshalas.

'No evidence'

"The way madrasas are being clamped down in Uttar Pradesh and Assam is not right. Those working in these madrasas and mosques are being framed for terrorism without any reason. Action is being taken without evidence. Why then is no action being taken on gurukuls, maths, dharamshalas and other religious institutions? Muslim Personal Law Board strongly condemns such fanatical and heinous acts," reads the statement issued by AIMPLB general secretary Khalid Saifullah Rahmani.

The AIMPLB went on to target the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), saying the organisation and the BJP "hold negative views about Muslims".

The reaction of the AIMPLB comes after the announcement by the State's Minority Affairs Minister Danish Azad Ansari that the government will soon conduct a survey of unrecognised madrasas to gather information about the number of teachers, curriculum, their affiliation with any non-governmental organisation, and others.

Mr. Ansari said the survey would be held in accordance with the requirement of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

U.P. govt. flayed

Since the announcement, many leading Muslim figures have criticised the Yogi Adityanath government.

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief and Lok Sabha member Asaduddin Owaisi called the survey a "mini-NRC" (National Register of Citizens) and alleged that the U.P. government is intentionally harassing the Muslim community.

Centre to commemorate Hyderabad State Liberation

Minister writes to Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra CMs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union government had decided to hold a year-long commemoration of 75 years of Liberation of the erstwhile princely State of Hyderabad from September 17 this year, Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy wrote [letters] to the Chief Ministers of Telangana, Karnataka and Maharashtra on September 3.

> The objective is to make the current generation, both from the region under consideration and the rest of India, aware of the story of resistance, valour and sacrifice
> G. KISHAN REDDY
> Union Culture Minister

In letters to Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Mr. Reddy said: "On 17th September 1948, more than one year after India secured Independence from the British, the erstwhile State of Hyderabad, comprising the entire State of Telangana and some districts in Maharashtra and Karnataka, got independence from the brutality and tyranny of the Nizam's rule." He said the Union government had decided to observe 75 years of Hyderabad State Liberation, starting with an event on September 17 in Hyderabad where Home Minister Amit Shah would be present.

He said while Maharashtra and Karnataka already commemorate the day, the 75th year celebrations gave an opportunity to celebrate it across the three States.

"The objective is to make the current generation, both from the region under consideration and the rest of India, aware of the story of resistance, valour and sacrifice," he said.

He asked the Chief Ministers to attend the inaugural and also to organise "suitable events" throughout the year in their States.

NIA conducts searches in ULFA case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Officials of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) have conducted searches at 16 locations across six districts of Assam in connection with the activities of the banned United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), including its recruitment drive.

The case also deals with extortion and radicalisation of the youth by ULFA.

"During the searches, digital devices, live ammunitions along with incriminating documents and literature related to ULFA have been seized," an NIA official said.

Grand finale of Cerebration Quiz to be conducted today

The Hindu BusinessLine quiz finale will be held in Mumbai

STAFF REPORTER
CHENNAI

The Hindu BusinessLine will conduct the 19th edition of the Cerebration Quiz 2022, one of the biggest corporate quiz championships.

This quiz is open to business professionals, corporate executives, MBA aspirants, and students from the country's leading B-schools. The winners will receive prize money worth up to ₹1.5 lakh (first prize ₹75,000, second prize ₹50,000 and third prize ₹25,000), according to a press release.

Nearly 6,000 persons participated in the preliminary online quiz which was held from July 11 to 22. The top six participants were chosen from each of these cities - Chennai, Bengaluru, Kochi, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Delhi for the regional semi-finals. Among them, one participant each from the States have qualified for the grand finale.

Ajay Poonia will be the quiz master for the event.

The finale will be held in Mumbai on September 4 from 11 a.m. It will also be streamed live.

To watch, go to bit.ly/BLQF22 or scan the QR code.

Pakistani spy arrested in Kishtwar: Jammu police

'He had shared vital information'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU

A person, allegedly working as an agent for Pakistan's intelligence agency, was arrested from the Chenab Valley's Kishtwar district on Saturday, the J&K police said. The police identified the arrested person as Abdul Wahid, who belonged to the Gujjar community, and is from Chergi Dool area of Kishtwar.

"Wahid was working as an agent for a Pakistan-based intelligence agency. He provided secret information of various police establishments and security forces to a handler through social media platforms," the police said.

They said the accused has confessed to his involvement. "Some more arrests are expected," they added.

Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, on Friday held a high-level security conference at Rajouri, where the police were tracking splinter groups of militants.

"A detailed discussion was held on the recent trends on terrorist activities in which the intelligence agencies briefed all present. An action plan was devised to counter the threat," the police said.

After Cong. exit, Azad to hold first rally

Jammu decked up with his huge posters and banners demanding *azad soch*, or free thinking

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, arriving in Jammu on Sunday for a series of public meetings ahead of launching his own political party, is likely to place his political mission around safeguarding jobs and land for local people in Jammu & Kashmir, a place where the spectrum of aspirations ranges from self-rule and greater autonomy to independence.

Sources in Mr. Azad's camp said the former Congress leader was likely to depart from the pattern of regional politics and navigate the polity in the Union Territory away from constitutional and pro-Article 370 demands.

Setting the stage: Supporters installing a hoarding of Ghulam Nabi Azad ahead of his public meeting in Jammu. • PTI

"Mr. Azad will focus more on safeguarding jobs and land while announcing his road map for J&K. Land and job securities were key provisions to Article 370, too," a close aide of Mr. Azad said.

Mr. Azad may not demand "reversing the clock", but will focus on bringing more laws related to land and jobs in the future "under a different nomenclature".

In Mr. Azad, Jammu and Kashmir will see a rare voice that departs from demanding any special status or touching upon Pakistan as a party to the Kashmir issue. In fact, Mr. Azad and J&K Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari became two major voices in the post-August 5, 2019 Jammu and Kashmir to talk about moving on and not raising Article 370.

Mr. Azad, in his earlier statements made in Jammu and Kashmir in 2020, said there was "no point in raising Article 370".

After Jammu and Kashmir lost its special constitutional position in 2019, he shifted his focus more to the restoration of Statehood and conduct of elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Jammu was being decked up with larger-than-life posters of Mr. Azad on Saturday, with many banners reading, "We are for *azad soch* [free thinking]."

Prominent faces of the Congress from Jammu and Kashmir have already joined Mr. Azad, who quit the Congress on August 26. All eyes will be on G-23, the rebel group within the Congress, if they join Mr. Azad in Jammu on September 3.

"There is overwhelming support from workers and the public for Azad *sahib*'s political movement, which reflects a change that is coming to J&K soon," Mr. Azad's aide Salman Nizami said.

Educator and humanitarian S. Parasuraman passes away

He served as Director of TISS between 2004 and 2018

VANDANA GOPIKUMAR

S. Parasuraman, a visionary, scholar and an institution builder who harnessed education in the social sciences as a tool for social transformation, passed away on Friday at the age of 70.

During his tenure as Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) between 2004 and 2018, he scaled up the opportunity for under-resourced regions to build their own human capital in the development sector, through extension of offsite campuses in Guwahati and Hyderabad and partnered with several not-for-profit organisations to build competencies in thematic areas such as mental health, disaster management, public policy, development studies etc.

He foresaw an expansion of Gross Enrolment Ratios (GER) in higher education in India and wanted to locate TISS in that canvas, as an institution committed to social justice. He dreamt big, and in most cases, his calculated risk-taking paid off.

S. Parasuraman

Pedagogical approach

Initiating 50 new programmes in a mere 10-year period, he had a vision to provide a good education using constructivist pedagogical approaches, resulted in his veering TISS towards actively addressing inequities and social injustices, and engaging with the needs of vulnerable groups.

This spurred many high-impact social action programmes around ontological instability and community inclusion. This also resulted in the promotion of inclusive development as a goal in the most disadvantaged districts of the country, particularly through the Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellowship, supported by the Ministry of Rural Development.

Real-world problems

Another first – the trend of integrating practitioner-researchers into mainstream academics – helped students expose and immerse themselves in the messiness of the real world and simultaneously apply critical theory to better understand complex problems, often using transdisciplinary lenses.

Prof. Parasuraman's focus on rigour in research and advancement of home-grown academics was instrumental in TISS' engagement in person-centred and rights-based advocacy and policy development.

Author of over a 100 papers and multiple books, stints at Oxfam and Action Aid, an exceptional tenure as Director, TISS and Vice Chancellor, MIT-World Peace University, Pune, his contributions as a social scientist and demographer par excellence... we will celebrate him for his many accomplishments.

But, it was Parasuraman, the humanitarian that won most hearts. A selfless mentor who was encouraging, optimistic, and dependable in his support; he often inspired hope in the bleakest of moments.

He stood tall in the face of every crisis that came his way, including unprecedented ones such as the tsunami when he led relief efforts from the front and nudged institutions and colleagues to partake in alleviating distress of those who had lost their all, through collectivising multiple stakeholders.

He occasionally narrated quite nonchalantly his everyday 5 km trek to his school and related struggles that he went through to pursue an education. His humility, wisdom and empathy perhaps stemmed from his own life experience and provided inspiration for several first-generation learners who enrolled in TISS and pursued careers in social engagement and innovation.

His passing away will leave a vacuum in academia and the social sector undoubtedly, but his legacy and the values that he stood by will continue to inspire many.

(With Lakshmi Lingam, Asha Banu Soletti, Joske Bunders, Tarique Mohammed, Olive Fernandes and Kishore Kumar. The writer and contributors were colleagues of Professor Parasuraman)

Baghel's *rabri* counter to freebies jibe

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
RAIPUR

Amid the ongoing debate on *revri* (a sweet made of sesame and jaggery), or distributing freebies for votes, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday said loan waivers for industrialists were akin to dishing out *rabri* (an expensive milk-based sweet) to them.

"I want to ask when we give loan waivers to our farmers here, you call them *revri* but when loans amounting to 10 trillion rupees are waived off for 10 industrialists, that is *rabri* being served to them," said the Chief Minister, referring to the popular Indian milk-based dessert.

Mr. Baghel was speaking after inaugurating Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai district, the 31st of the State.

Listing out the welfare measures of his Congress government, Mr. Baghel questioned the logic of dubbing them as *revri*.

"When we buy paddy at ₹2,500 a quintal or pay ₹7,000 every year to labourers, it is called *revri*," he said, pointing out that other schemes offering subsidy on electricity bills or free education to children too were ridiculed.

In July, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said some State governments doled out *revri* to secure votes.

Nitish plans Delhi trip, tour of States

If Opposition parties join forces, people's mandate will be good in 2024, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

Amid cheers from party leaders and workers shouting the slogan "*Desh ka Prime Minister kaisa ho? Nitish Kumar jaisa ho* [How should be the Prime Minister of the country be? It should be like Nitish Kumar]", Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar reached the party office here on Saturday to attend the party national executive and council meetings.

Mr. Kumar is scheduled to reach Delhi on Monday before he begins visiting other States to meet leaders in a bid to unite the Opposition, ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Nitish Kumar

Slamming the Bharatiya Janata Party for allegedly poaching five of the six Janata Dal(U) MLAs in Manipur, Mr. Kumar asked if the move was constitutional. He said all six had visited him in Bihar recently and expressed happiness over the JD(U) snapping ties with the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance.

"Just imagine what is happening. How they [the BJP] are breaking off MLAs who won elections from other parties. What sort of act is this," Mr. Kumar said.

He questioned the propriety and constitutionality of the alleged poaching of MLAs by the BJP. "If all Opposition parties join forces, then the people's mandate will be very good in 2024," he said with a call for a united front against the BJP.

Asked if he would be visiting Delhi on Monday, Mr. Kumar said, "Yes, I'll be visiting Delhi". Mr. Kumar is expected to meet Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, some Left party leaders and other national leaders during his three-day scheduled stay in Delhi.

Party sources told *The Hindu* that after his Delhi visit, Mr. Kumar would visit other States to meet leaders and appeal for Opposition unity in the 2024 Lok Sabha election against the BJP.

Recently, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao visited Bihar and met Mr. Kumar, and RJD leader Lalu Prasad and his son Tejashwi Yadav to discuss the same.

Cong. rally against 'back-breaking' price rise today

Party says ruling BJP busy toppling State governments and helping its 'crony capitalist friends'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Accusing the Narendra Modi government of being "insensitive" to the pain of the common people owing to the "back-breaking" price rise, the Congress on Saturday said its *Mehangai Par Halla Bol* rally on Sunday at the historic Ramlila Maidan here aimed to wake the government up.

Addressing a joint press conference ahead of the rally, party general secretaries K.C. Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, Ajay Maken and Shaktisinh Gohil and Delhi Congress chief Anil Chaudhary said the Modi government was busy toppling governments run by non-Bharatiya Janata Party parties instead of rectifying its "wrong policies".

Mr. Venugopal said former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi would send a strong message to the nation through the rally, where he is the principal speaker.

"This government is totally insensitive. You can compare the prices between 2014 and 2022. How the prices of essential commodities have shot up," he said at a press conference at the Ramlila Maidan.

'One-point agenda'

"As a responsible Opposition party, we are taking to the streets against the issue of price rise and unemployment. The government is not bothered about these issues and its one-point agenda is only to buy MLAs and topple Opposition [non-BJP] governments," Mr. Venugopal alleged.

Mr. Ramesh said the party had been protesting against the "back-breaking" inflation for the past one year, and observed August 5 as a black day, when senior leaders and MPs were arrested.

Mr. Maken alleged that the government was only concerned about helping its "crony capitalist friends".

Corporate taxes had come down at the expense of the common people who were paying higher taxes on fuel, food and other essential commodities, the Congress leader added.

Party workers from Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, besides other parts of the country, will participate in the rally.

The rally comes ahead of the Opposition party's 3,500-km "Bharat Jodo Yatra" from Kanniyakumari to Kashmir starting on September 7, highlighting the issues of price rice and unemployment, and promoting communal harmony.

BJP flays Congress over *National Herald* case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Saturday launched a fresh attack on the Congress and the Gandhi family over the *National Herald* issue, citing the biography of its late leader Chandra Bhanu Gupta.

The BJP dubbed the Congress's proposed Bharat Jodo Yatra as the "Save Gandhi Family Andolan".

Addressing a press conference, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra, citing Mr. Gupta's biography, said the late Congress leader had raised questions on the funding of the *National Herald* newspaper and its purpose.

"Chandra Bhanu Gupta of Congress, who was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and a prominent leader, wrote his biography. In his book, he raised many questions regarding the funding of the newspaper.... He stated that glorifying Indira Gandhi and (Jawaharlal) Nehru was its main purpose," Mr. Patra said.

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No. AIC-CCRI-CED/BLR/2022-23/61 Date: 04/09/2022

AIC CCRI CED (Business Incubator of Coffee Board of India) invites applications for **VIKRAYAM-Export Training Programme for aspiring Coffee Entrepreneurs and Exporters.** For more details contact: 080-22266910 or **atalincubationofccri@gmail.com** and visit **aicccriced.in/indiacoffee.org.** Please use the link for registration: **https://forms.gle/Q2mjNPKZ4Qm5ws1n7** Registrations open from 26th August 2022 till 18th September 2022.

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ROC No. PR4/13946/Adv. No.204/ PRO/2022, Dated: 03.09.2022 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ZONE-II UDAIPUR HQ - BANSWARA
No.D-760 **Date:-29.08.2022**
Notice Inviting Bid No. 06/2022-23
NIB:- PWD2223A1772

Bids for Road & Bridge Construction **works are invited from interested bidders upto** 14-09-2022, 06:00 P.M. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal ("http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) and http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state. The approximate value of procurement is **Rs. 1679.00 Lacs.**

UBN:- **PWD2223WSOB06580 And PWD2223WSOB06581**

(Vijay Kumar Verma)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PWD Zone-II Udaipur
HQ-Banswara

DIPR/C/11353

Office of The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Zone, Kota

No.:- CE/WR/KOTA/e-NIB-01/2022-23/9302 **DATE 01.09.2022**

e-NIT No.- 01/2022-23

Bids for **Renovation work of Canals of Harish Chandra Sagar Project, District Kota** is invited from interested bidders from 01.09.2022 (9:30 Hr) to 22.09.2022 till 18:00 Hr. Other particulars, terms & conditions may be seen on the procurement portal **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & https://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in.**

UBN NO. :- WRD2223WLOB01233

NIB No :- WRD2223A0328

Chief Engineer,
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MISSING

Praveenkumar, age 17, S/o Maheshkumar, Mahesh Nivas, Mannanchery, Alappuzha district has been missing from 30.07.2022 and he has not returned so far. Hence if any information is received about him, please inform to the nearest Police Station or below mentioned phone numbers.

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(RO/0222/F2/2022/18/PRD)

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD
CIRCLE BHILWARA

No. 3495 **Date:- 29-08-2022**

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Bids for Road works under Budget Announcement are invited form interested bidders upto 6.00 PM 20.09.2022 (Tuesday). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. The approximate value of the procurement is 4673.50 Lacs, (Total of Fifteen bid)

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PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, JODHPUR
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No. CE(P)/PHED/Ju/Ar. Pali/22-23/11324-11367 **Date : 24-8-2022**

Notice Inviting Bid (NIB No. 19/2022-23)

Bid for **Execution of works related to "Drinking water supply project for providing FHTCs in 36 villages & 3 towns (Sirohi, Pindawara & Bhanwari) through Battisa Dam of District-Sirohi" viz. WTP, Pump Houses, RCC CWR/OHSRs, P/L/J of Transmission mains, Cluster distribution system, Village distribution system and civil, mechanical, electrical & instrumentation works including Geo-tagging complete job as per scope & specifications on Single Point Responsibility Basis including necessary Design and Operation & maintenance for 10 years (upto VTC) after 1 year defect liability period under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** are invited from interested bidders up to 27/09/2022, 14:00 Hrs. Other particulars of the bid and subsequent amendments/ corrigendum issued (if any) may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state; and **http://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in.** The estimated value of procurement is Rs. 127.82 Cr.

UBN : PHE2223WLOB06069

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Submission dead line: Before **3.00PM on 19/09/2022**

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NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL) having its registered office at Urja Bhawan, Near 5 No. Bus Stop, Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal intends to engage Agency for supply, installation and commissioning of channel marking buoys and mooring ropes at backwaters of Omkareshwar reservoir.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) document will be available on website **https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** from 01.09.2022. The last date for submission of technical proposal is **on or before 16:00 Hrs. of 22.09.2022.**

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NOTIFICATION

National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad invites nominations from eligible entities/persons for receiving awards in different categories as a part of the World Fisheries Day, 2022 celebrations. The awards will be conferred in two different categories **'A'&'B'. Category 'A'** of awards covers Best States/UTs, Best Quasi Government and Best district in Inland, Marine, and North East Sectors, and **Category 'B'** of awards covers Best Fish Farmers, Best Hatcheries, Best Enterprise/ Entrepreneur and Best Innovation Technology. Please visit NFDB Website http://nfdb.gov.in for detailed notification on award categories, eligibility criteria, and nomination forms.

Executive Director (F&A)

New-look Rajpath to be inaugurated on Sept. 8

Amenity blocks, dedicated vending zones to be unveiled

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

When Rajpath reopens next week after a 20-month gap, visitors will get to see a revamped Central Vista Avenue, with new amenity blocks and dedicated vending zones that will replace the street vendors who used to line the road.

According to Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry officials, the new look of the 2-km avenue, which stretches from India Gate to the Rashtrapati Bhavan, is likely to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 8. It will be open to the public the next day.

The redevelopment of the popular public space in the heart of the national capital started after the Republic Day parade in 2021 and was scheduled to be completed by last November.

Though it missed the deadline, Rajpath was readied for the parade on January 26 this year. After the parade, the work resumed, while Rajpath remained closed for the public.

Boating will soon be allowed in two canals.

Among the additions to the area will be five vending zones behind the India Gate lawns with space for 40 vendors each, which will include a few ice-cream carts, according to a senior official. Earlier, the ice-cream and other street food vendors and toy-sellers had lined up along Rajpath.

In addition, two zones on either side of India Gate will have eight stalls each. These, sources said, will have street food from 16 States, which are being selected by Delhi Tourism.

A source said Delhi Tourism was trying to have a few of these stalls ready for the inauguration, with the rest coming up later.

Eight amenity blocks with toilets, kiosks and drinking water and parking lots for a total of 1,100 vehicles would be available in the spaces beyond the canals.

Boating will be allowed in the two canals that are behind Krishi Bhavan and Vanjiya Bhavan.

The first month after the reopening will see heavy police presence in view of the rise in number of visitors, the senior official said. Around 50 security guards, 300 CCTV cameras and a control room for the police would also be in place.

Jamaat women speak up for Bilkis

Women's wing writes to the President about reversing remission of the 11 convicts

ZIYA US SALAM
NEW DELHI

Bilkis Bano has got some belated support from Muslim women's organisations. The Jamaat-e-Islami Hind's women's wing has sought President's "intervention" in the remission of the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gang rape case and murder of 14 of her family members.

Demanding that the convicts recently released be sent back to jail at the earliest, the women's wing has written to President Droupadi Murmu, requesting her to intervene in the matter by calling "an urgent meeting of the Prime Minister, Governor of Gujarat and other legal experts".

The support of the Muslim body's women's wing comes on the heels of many secular women's organisations criticising the remission.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Atiya Siddiqua, national secretary of JIH women's wing, said the move to grant remission is aimed at garnering electoral dividends in the forthcoming elections in Gujarat. "The release of her tormentors on August 15 makes a mockery of the Prime Minister's assurance to the nation regarding protecting the dignity of women. Releasing the rape convicts is an attempt to appease members of a particular community. It is meant to reap political dividends, and is highly objectionable. At a time when the Prime Minister talks of *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao*, what signal does it send to other women fighting for justice after a crime? And what signal does it send to Ms. Bano who has shown immense faith and fortitude in fighting for justice since 2002?"

In solidarity: Women participating in a recent protest in Delhi against the release of the 11 convicts. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

She disclosed that the body has sent a letter to the President, requesting her to give "directions to the Gujarat government through the Prime Minister and the Home Minister to reverse the decision".

With the vice-president of JIH, Salim Engineer, by her side, Ms. Siddiqua expressed hope in the Supreme Court, where a petition has been filed, reversing "the grave injustice carried out under the guise of official government policy".

"The remission policy should be applied to those languishing in jails for petty crimes, not for heinous ones like gang rape and mass murder," she said.

Judicial failure

Earlier, the Jamaat also expressed concern over the Supreme Court closing all the proceedings arising out of the demolition of the Babri Masjid and the 2002 Godhra anti-Muslim riot cases. A Supreme Court Bench said that it was unfortunate that the contempt petition pertaining to the Babri Masjid demolition was not taken up.

Professor Engineer asked who was responsible for not hearing these cases. "Now the Supreme Court says that much time has passed and hence, there is no need to hear them. Whose job is it to hear the cases in the court? The judicial system is failing to deliver justice to the people. People are losing faith in the judiciary," he rued.

AIIMS staff unhappy with name change

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The over 20 All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) across India could be looking at a name change with the Union government proposing to name them after regional heroes, freedom fighters, historical events or monuments of the area or their distinct geographical identity.

While the Health Ministry has not given official confirmation on the move, murmurs of discontent are growing among the faculty at these world-class institutes.

They state that "identity is linked with the name and if name changes the identity of these institutes will be lost".

The Faculty Association of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (FAIMS), Delhi has now sought the opinion of its members on this issue. If identity is lost, institutional recognition is lost, it said in a letter to colleagues.

Free at last: Teesta Setalvad with supporters after being released from jail in Ahmedabad on Saturday. • PTI

Day after SC order, Teesta walks out of jail

Sessions court seeks ₹25,000 bond

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

A day after the Supreme Court granted her interim bail, social activist Teesta Setalvad on Saturday walked out of the Sabarmati Central Jail in Ahmedabad.

The court granted her interim bail in a case of allegedly fabricating evidence related to the 2002 Gujarat riots. The court had held that her regular bail petition would be decided by the Gujarat High Court.

She was also asked to surrender her passport till the matter was considered by the Gujarat High Court for regular bail.

She has been lodged in the Sabarmati Central Jail here since her arrest on June 26 a day after she was detained in Mumbai where the State Police had gone to bring her to Ahmedabad in connection with an FIR lodged against her and others.

As per the court's order, she was produced before sessions judge V.A. Rana for carrying out the bail formalities.

"The sessions court imposed two conditions over and above the conditions imposed by the apex court. The sessions court asked the accused to furnish a personal bond of ₹25,000 and not to leave India without its prior permission," special public prosecutor Amit Patel said.

Ms. Setalvad had approached the Supreme Court against the Gujarat High Court's refusal to grant her interim bail after the sessions court had rejected her bail plea in the case that is being probed by a special investigation team (SIT) constituted by the State government.

'Story of IITs is the story of free India'

President Murmu lauds the institutions for shaping the nation's global standing

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NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday hailed the IITs for their contribution to the story of India and for improving the country's standing on the global stage.

"The story of the IITs is the story of independent India," the President said at the closing ceremony of diamond jubilee celebrations of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Delhi.

"Your faculty and alumni have shown the world our brainpower. Some of those who studied here and in other IITs are now at the forefront of the digital revolution sweeping the world. Moreover, the impact of IITs has gone beyond science and technology. IITians are leaders in every walk of life - in education, industry, entrepreneurship, civil society, activism, journalism, literature and politics," said Ms. Murmu.

A milestone: President Droupadi Murmu at the valedictory of the diamond jubilee celebrations of the IIT-Delhi. • PTI

The President pointed out that the premier institutions derived their strength partly from the fact that they had expanded beyond their traditional strengths in science and engineering by offering programmes in humanities, social sciences, design, management and public policy.

"This multi-disciplinary approach is well aligned with the new National Education Policy (NEP)," Ms. Murmu added.

Looking towards the next 25 years, it is the threats of climate change that posed a serious challenge, she pointed out and urged IITs to explore technological solutions to environmental challenges and help the country achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

299 families evicted from govt. land for solar plant

'90% illegal residents had already left'

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GUWAHATI

Authorities in central Assam's Sonitpur district on Saturday carried out a drive to evict 299 families from government land, officials said. A solar plant is expected to come up on 330 acres cleared with the excavators, bulldozers and demolition workers in the district's No. 3 Chitalmari area.

A district police officer said about 90% of the residents living illegally had already left the place with their belongings after receiving the eviction notice eight months ago. The operation was carried out under heavy security equipped with anti-riot gear but there were no incidents or opposition from the people.

Most of the evicted families were Bengali-speaking Muslims followed by Bengali Hindus, Gurkhas and a few tribals. Many of them were victims of erosion by the Brahmaputra River and had relocated to Sonitpur.

The incident-free eviction in Sonitpur was in sharp contrast to similar drives in Assam since September 2021. At least two people died after the police opened fire on people who resisted eviction in Gorukhuti area of Darrang last year.

Police interrogate Nora Fatehi in extortion case

Jacqueline to be questioned further

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Actor Nora Fatehi was interrogated for six to seven hours on Friday by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police in connection with a ₹200-crore extortion case linked to conman Sukesh Chandrashekar, officials said on Saturday.

Special Commissioner of Police (EOW and Crime) Ravindra Singh Yadav said that Ms. Fatehi had cooperated during the interrogation.

The police said that the names of other actors came up during the course of Ms. Fatehi's interrogation, and that actor Jacqueline Fernandez would be interrogated again.

According to an officer, Ms. Fatehi answered nearly 50 questions during her interrogation, which was carried out to strengthen the case.

Ms. Fatehi said that she had not been aware of Chandrashekar's criminal background.

Pasmanda movement tests political will

Community leaders ask Opposition parties to state their stand on the issue

ZIYA US SALAM
NEW DELHI

As the Pasmanda Muslim movement gains traction, the community's leaders have urged Opposition parties to step forward to support their demand for Dalit Muslims to be given the status of Scheduled Caste, and the benefits of reservation similar to those Dalit Hindus enjoy.

They also seek a caste census for all, including Muslims. "This will reveal the exact percentage of the Pasmanda community. So far, the Ashrafs have a strong grip on the resources of the community," a Pasmanda leader said in New Delhi.

In a letter addressed to leading Opposition parties, including the Congress, the Trinamool Congress, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Samajwadi Party, the Bahujan Samaj Party, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the Nationalist Congress Party, and the Janata Dal(U), the Pasmanda leadership has asked the parties to clearly state their stand on the issue of Scheduled Caste status for Dalit Muslims.

"The parties, which claim to be secular and get the Muslim vote in huge numbers, are not ready to state their stand on Pasmanda Muslims. The Muslim community in general is poor and backward. Accordingly, Pasmanda Muslims are the worst off. Yet, we don't hear any political party from the Opposition speaking for them," a Pasmanda leader said on the eve of a day-long meet in New Delhi.

Engaging Opposition parties via the letter is an initiative of noted Pasmanda leader Ali Anwar Ansari, president of the All India Pasmanda Muslim Mahaz.

"Dalit Muslims have suffered like their Hindu counterparts. They need to be given Scheduled Caste status. It will help them gain economic and educational mobility," a Pasmanda leader stated. "Our slogan for more than 20 years has been, 'Dalit *pichhda ek saman*, Hindu *ho ya* Musalman' (Dalits, Backwards are the same, whether Hindus or Muslims)."

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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Book sheds new light on Bengal's women revolutionaries

British sentenced more than 200 of them and another 900 suspects were under surveillance, says author Madhurima Sen

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The first files on women revolutionaries in Bengal appeared in the Intelligence Branch of British India roughly around 1919. And by 1947, more than 200 cases of conviction and sentencing of women were recorded in these files.

Along with these convictions and sentences, the files of the Intelligence Branch of Bengal had a long list of women revolutionaries or suspects – approximately 900. Along with the files, the West Bengal State Archives has history-sheets on revolutionaries and thousands of glass and film negatives that record details of their surveillance. Such details about women revolutionaries are contained in a recent publication titled *Women in the War of Freedom Unveiled, Bengal 1919-1947: Glimpse from Archival records*.

Madhurima Sen, the author of the book, brings to the fore several interesting facts of the Indian freedom struggle from the functioning of the British Intelligence Branch in Bengal.

Ms. Sen, an archivist at the West Bengal State Archives, has also derived information from its photo archives wing to which many did not have access. The Directorate of State Archives, West Bengal, one of the biggest repositories of documents from the colonial period in this part of the country, has a collection of about 50,000 glass and film negatives, including photographic print, all related to the 'revolutionary activities' in the 20th century.

"Most women mentioned in the IB files came from Hindu upper and middle classes, who could emerge from seclusion and develop a life within and outside their families and identify themselves with social and political causes. We, however, find names of Halima Khatun and Razia Khatun from Mymensingh district, Jobeda Khatun and Jayanab Rahim who were connected with the revolutionary/nationalist organisations of their time," the publication says referring to socio-political situation of the pre-Independent India, particularly Bengal.

History intact: Bela Roy, Hashyabala Debi and Lilawati Verma are among many revolutionaries who find a place in the documents of the Directorate of State Archives, West Bengal.

Ms. Sen said the trend of women's region-wise participation in the revolutionary movement suggest that "conviction of women in the eastern part of Bengal was far greater than the western part". "The highest numbers of accused were from Chittagong," the book said, adding that the numbers might have increased after the Chittagong Armoury Raid (1930).

In the western part of Bengal, the publication says, women revolutionaries were active in Kolkata and adjoining areas of 24 Parganas (North and South), Howrah, Hooghly, Bankura and Midnapore. "Women's wings became active among the students of colleges in Kolkata. Bethune College had become a centre of radical feminist agitation," she said.

Role of journals

The publication draws attention to certain journals of the pre-Independent period which played a crucial role in mobilising women for 'revolutionary activities'. One particular mention is to *Jayasree*, a journal published by women whose title page dating February 1939 is contained in the book.

While the publication has brought several little-known facts about women revolutionaries to light, many aspects require more study. Ms. Sen refers to one such revolutionary, Sudhangshubala Sircar, whose name is mentioned in the famous Alipore Bomb Case (1908). The publication has a four-page 'history-sheet' on her prepared in 1909 by the Intelligence Branch. "Despite being of such importance, there are no references to her after 1908-09 and we are looking for more material on her," Ms. Sen said.

From Dukhoribala Devi, the first woman to be convicted for revolutionary activities, to Lila Nag, the first woman to be recruited as a member of a revolutionary organisation (Dacca Shree Sangha) in 1924, the publication also has a detailed transcription of the statement of Bina Das, arrested for her attempt on the life of Governor Stanley Jackson.

SNAPSHOTS

Cancer risks

Nearly 50% of cancer deaths worldwide are caused by preventable risk factors. The largest study yet of the link between cancer burden and risk factors used estimates of cases and deaths from over 200 countries. Smoking, alcohol use and a high body-mass index were the biggest contributors to cancer.

Mass burial

Genomic analysis suggests that remains recovered from a medieval well in Norwich, U.K., were probably those of Jews murdered in the twelfth century. Radiocarbon dating established that the bodies of six adults and 11 children had been deposited between 1161 and 1216 — a time frame encompassing a historically documented antisemitic massacre in Norwich in 1190.

Rare trees

There are trees so rare that only a single specimen remains. Scientists protect their seeds like rare jewels, gingerly collect pollen for hand fertilisation, and wait years for a single precious flower. But there are more threatened tree species than there are restoration projects. And due to climate change, some trees may not thrive in their natural homes again.

CO2 on exoplanet

The James Webb Space Telescope has captured the first unambiguous evidence of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere of a planet outside the Solar System. The telescope gleaned information about the composition of the gas giant WASP-39b as it moved across the face of its star. The result offer promise that Webb is going to be revolutionary for exoplanet research.

New sub-lineages of monkeypox virus emerge

Despite a slow decline in cases globally, monkeypox cases continue to rise rapidly in Latin America

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Monkeypox was a neglected disease until early this year, with few reports on cases, and that too from travellers, though the disease was endemic in Central and Eastern Africa for many years. First identified in 1958 as a disease in imported monkeys in Denmark, monkeypox is a zoonotic viral infection that can infect humans and other animals. The origin and source of the disease are however unknown, therefore the name 'monkeypox' remains a misnomer for the disease.

The identification of a cluster of cases associated with a superspreader event in Europe in May-June this year and the subsequent rapid spread across the globe prompted the World Health Organisation (WHO) to declare the outbreak of monkeypox as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). As of September 2022, over 50,000 cases of monkeypox virus infections have been reported from over 99 countries. Over 15 deaths attributable to the disease have been reported, eight of which were reported from locations that have not historically reported monkeypox, including one from India.

Global situation

As of September 2022, 10 countries account for a majority of cases (over 88%) – the U.S., Brazil, Peru, Canada, Spain, France, Germany, the U.K., Netherlands and Portugal. The disease has predominantly affected males aged between 30-43 years, although demographics have been found to differ between regions. For instance, in West and Central Africa, a larger number of cases are reported among younger individuals.

Declining in Europe

Despite an increase in the number of global cases for four consecutive weeks, the number of reported monkeypox virus infections across the world saw a decline by over 20% in the last week of August 2022. This decline is predominantly attributable to the decreasing number of reported cases in European countries.

Since the beginning of the outbreak, European countries have cumulatively reported over 20,000 cases of monkeypox, including two deaths reported from Spain. The first case of the outbreak in the region was reported in the United Kingdom in May 2022 in a man with a travel history to Nigeria. Heightened awareness and public health measures including vaccination could account for the observed decline.

As cases show a declining trend globally, numbers continue to rise in the U.S. Cumulatively, the U.S. accounts for over 30% of all the global cases, with over 18,000 infections reported from the country to date. The first death in the U.S. linked to monkeypox was reported from the state of Texas. Although the case is still being investigated by health officials to ascertain the role of monkeypox in the death of the patient, early reports from the country state that the individual was severely immune-compromised. A small proportion of pediatric cases of monkeypox have also been reported from the U.S. and with the increase in cases in the country, it is likely that more cases will be found in young children and other vulnerable groups.

Although case numbers continue to increase in the U.S., the rate of rise in cases has been plateauing, and possibly declining. In recent weeks, major cities in the U.S. including New York, San Francisco and Chicago have been showing a decline in cases following the trend in Europe. Like in Europe, this decline may be attributable to the impact of vaccination campaigns coupled with behavioural changes and heightened awareness among people who are at high risk, although more data in the coming days will reconfirm the trend.

Despite a slow decline in cases globally, monkeypox cases continue to rise rapidly in Latin America, possibly also compounded by the lack of awareness of the disease and insufficient availability of vaccines. Amongst all countries in the region, a majority of cases have been reported from Brazil and Peru and a total of three deaths have been reported from Brazil, Ecuador and Peru, although the Peruvian case is still being investigated to confirm monkeypox as the cause of death. Peru is also the third-highest in the world in terms of monkeypox infections per million inhabitants.

Currently, only a small proportion of cases of monkeypox (5%) have been reported in health-care workers globally, although most of the cases were reported to have acquired the infection in the community. Only three cases of monkeypox have been attributed to occupational exposure so far, however additional investigation will be needed to ascertain the risk of health-care-associated transmission.

Tracking variants

As genomic surveillance continues to provide opportunities to track the evolution of the monkeypox virus, the WHO has laid down the process of naming different variants of the virus taking into consideration the proposals put forward by scientists for a non-discriminatory nomenclature system. Following the new nomenclature, the monkeypox virus variant formerly known as the Congo Basin or Central African clade will be denoted as Clade I, while the former West African variant, which is the main circulating clade in the current outbreak, will be denoted as Clade II. Clade II of the monkeypox virus encompasses two subclades, denoted as Clade IIa and Clade IIb.

The continued genomic surveillance of monkeypox has now resulted in over 1,500 genomes available in the public domain which provides unique insights into the evolution and spread of the virus. At least two distinct lineages of the virus are known to be circulating in the present outbreak. The European outbreak was largely contributed by the IIb.B.1 lineage of virus, but a distinct but smaller lineage (IIb.A.2) presently encompassing genomes from India, the U.K., the U.S. and Thailand was also identified. This lineage has a possible origin predating the European outbreak and possibly had a cryptic spread for almost a year. The continued spread of the IIb.B.1 lineage which encompasses the majority of the genomes has resulted in many sub-lineages – over eight, including the recent one designated from Peru (B.1.6), the U.K. (B.1.7) and Germany(B.1.8).

The present monkeypox outbreak, while may have seen many learnings from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic put to practice, has exposed many gaps as well. Even as case numbers are brought under control in European and North American countries, global efforts will be needed to contain the spread of the virus in regions such as Latin America and Africa.

Necessary steps

Continued surveillance will be key to preventing future outbreaks of the disease while more in-depth science would be required to understand the pathogen, evolution, disease mechanisms and vaccine efficacy more closely. For example, the quantum of asymptomatic monkeypox transmission and the efficacy of vaccinia vaccine in preventing spread would be of immediate importance. The present outbreak, while calling for global unity and co-operation has unfortunately also put many of these concepts to test. The unavailability of vaccines in Africa which needs it the most, despite the frenzy by rich governments to corner a larger proportion, if not all of the vaccine produced, also puts into question the sincerity in efforts for global health and equity.

As we look forward to fighting more outbreaks in the future, we should keep in mind that nobody is safe until everyone is.

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Monkeypox: where do we stand?

As of September 2022, over 50,000 cases have been reported from over 99 countries, and eight deaths from non-endemic countries

1. The U.S., Brazil, Peru, Canada, Spain, France, Germany, the U.K., Netherlands and Portugal account for nearly 88% of cases
2. Despite an increase in the number of global cases for four consecutive weeks, the number of infections has declined by over 20% in the last week of August
3. Decline in cases is predominantly seen in Europe, while the rate of rise in cases has been plateauing and possibly declining in the U.S.
4. Infections continue to rise rapidly in Latin America, possibly due to lack of awareness and insufficient availability of vaccines
5. Only a small proportion of monkeypox cases (5%) have been reported in health-care workers globally; most of them have been outside health-care settings
6. The continued spread of the IIb.B.1 lineage has resulted in eight sub-lineages
7. There are still many aspects of the virus and infection that remain unknown — the evolution, disease mechanisms, prevalence of asymptomatic transmission, and vaccine efficacy

Unprecedented: For the first time, human-to-human transmission of monkeypox virus has sustained in non-endemic countries for three months. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Factors to consider when migrating individuals for conservation efforts

The study showed adding more individuals can reduce adaptation in fluctuating environments

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN

Conservation efforts usually aim to bring in more individuals to increase the population size of endangered species. This is done with a view of promoting gene flow. Such a move is based on the understanding that bringing in (migrating) more members of the endangered group will lead to a greater import of genetic variation and thereby a greater variation in the focal population.

Experiments done by researchers from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, indicate that in contrast to the simple plan outlined here, other factors, namely, the nature of the environment and the genetic constitution of the immigrants can play a role in deciding whether the evolutionary outcomes of immigration are beneficial. The study has been accepted for publication in *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*.

Role of environment

In the experiments, the researchers subjected populations of *Escherichia coli* that were adapting to complex and fluctuating environments to migration of colonies from outside. These colonies consisted of varying proportion of clonal ancestral immigrants. That is to say, the immigrants consisted of a mix of clonal members and those carrying genetic variation. In parallel, the researchers studied the effects of varying the ratio of clonal members to those carrying genetic variation.

Key factor: The genetic makeup of the immigrant individuals is another crucial factor in determining the effects of migration, says Selveshwari. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

One of the major studies done in this field, published in 2007 in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, showed that when bacterial cells were subjected to high level of stress – so high that it was lethal – then increasing the levels of migration increased the chances of survival in the stress environment. This implied that migration promotes adaptation.

However, the present study looks at more general conditions and yields a more complex result. They show that the results of the 2007 study do not hold true when the bacteria is subjected to non-lethal but stressful environment.

"When the stress environment does not lead to complete mortality, the effects of migration on adaptation is reversed," says Sutirth Dey from IISER, Pune, in whose lab the experiment was conducted, in an email to *The Hindu*. This means that increasing the proportion of immigrants actually decreases the adaptation.

Genetics crucial

S. Selveshwari, from IISER Pune and an author of the paper, adds, "The genetic makeup of the immigrant individuals is another crucial factor in determining the effects of migration."

She explains that in contrast to clonal immigrants (those that do not have much of a genetic variation amongst themselves), immigrants carrying greater amount of genetic variation can counter the negative effects of migration in such environments.

A most likely explanation for the contrast in evolutionary outcomes between the two experiments may be the following, according to Prof. Dey.

The effect of migration is not just a property of the evolving individuals but results from an interaction between the nature of their environment and the genetics of the immigrating individuals. Unlike in the 2007 study where the bacterial cells were subjected to lethal concentrations of antibiotics, the present study subjected bacterial cells to fluctuating environments that are stressful but not lethal stresses.

"We also subject our bacterial cells to broad-spectrum stresses such as oxidative stress, osmotic stress and pH stress, whereas [in the other work] antibiotic stresses were much narrower," says Prof. Dey.

Has science evolved to record dreams?

Brainwave recordings show very little difference between REM sleep and the awake state

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

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Our understanding of human biology has taken large strides in the last century. However, progress in our understanding of dreams has been really slow. The biological function of dreams is a grey area; the only sure thing is that most human beings dream regularly.

The phase of sleep associated with vivid dreaming is called REM (rapid eye movement) sleep. People who have woken up in this phase of sleep often report that they were dreaming. The rapid eye movements are a puzzle to researchers because they are difficult to measure.

A recent report (*Science* Vol. 377, 2022) addresses the question of whether eye movements are related to whatever is going on in the dream. Could the movements carry information about a dream that could be analysed and interpreted?

Interpreting dreams

But first, some background on the interpretation of dreams. The early twentieth century was dominated by the theories of Sigmund Freud, focused on the symbolic meaning of images recollected from dreams. The discovery of REM sleep, in 1952, led to a shift away from psychoanalysis.

The brain was found to be as active in REM sleep as in the fully awake state. Yet the body was inactive, asleep. REM sleep was found in all mammals and birds. Michel Jouvet showed that inducing damage to the brain stem in a cat freed it from bodily immobility in the dream state. This cat would noisily fight with other cats, stopping when it woke up.

Close resemblance: In REM sleep, mouse performed up-down eye movements similar to daytime sky scans. • GETTY IMAGES

The recording of brainwaves (EEG) provided fresh insights. These recordings showed very little difference between REM sleep and the awake state. More surprisingly, the neuroscientist Matthew Wilson recorded brain activity in a rat while it was exploring a maze and, not much later, obtained identical brainwaves when the same rat was in REM sleep – was it solving the maze in the dream?

Database of dreams

Another way of studying dreams was to compile vast databases of dreams. Analysing 50,000 dreams led the compiler, Calvin Hall, to conclude that most dreams did not resemble surrealist paintings, and were fairly predictable. Children may smile while dreaming, as children were more likely to dream of animals, but adult dreams were not very pleasant and were often filled with moments of anxiety.

We are anxious about important things, things that need to be resolved. In a theory proposed by Francis Crick and Graeme Mitchison, dreaming served as a housekeeping function, a nightly sorting of that particular day's happenings. While sorting, a few important events (possible sources of anxiety) were stored away as memories, the rest treated as clutter.

Could there be a real-time output from dreams that could be recorded? The results are conflicting. Some studies indicated that either the direction or the frequency of eye movement matched the recollected mental process in the dream. An electrooculograph (EOG) was used to record eye movements in sleeping human volunteers, it recorded whether eye movement was chiefly vertical (up-down) or horizontal (left-right). If the volunteer reported that he was looking upward in his dream, his recorded rapid eye movements were up-down.

Other studies attributed REM to random activity in the brain.

Practicing strategies

When awake, eye movements are necessary for survival. A mouse in an open field frequently moves its eyes upward, scanning the sky for danger from birds. A human pedestrian will perform left-right scans, looking out for oncoming traffic. In both these instances, the eyes move in the same direction as the head. The brain keeps track of which way your head is pointed using nerve cells called Head Direction (HD) cells. In mice, using electrodes inserted in a HD cell, it has been shown that these cells are active when the head is moving.

Senza and Scanziani recorded both REM as well as HD cell activity in sleeping mice. Remarkably, they showed that in its REM sleep, their mouse performed up-down eye movements similar to daytime scans of the sky. The HD cells too indicated the corresponding movement, although the head itself did not move, the mouse being asleep. It appears that the dream was about escaping from a predatory bird.

Can these studies be used to benefit humans? Persons who have experienced sudden, intense trauma suffer from PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). A soldier shocked by a hand grenade exploding just behind him, although otherwise unhurt, can suffer from recurring nightmares and anxiety for several years. What does he 'see' every night? A better understanding would lead to better rehabilitation strategies.

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Question Corner

Diamond formation

Can diamonds be found in plenty deep inside the Earth?

The Earth's core is the largest carbon storage on Earth – roughly 90% is buried there. Scientists have shown that the oceanic crust that sits on top of tectonic plates and falls into the interior contains hydrous minerals and can sometimes descend all the way to the core-mantle boundary. The temperature at the core-mantle boundary is at least twice as hot as lava, and high enough that water can be released from the hydrous minerals. Therefore, a chemical reaction similar to rusting steel could occur at Earth's core-mantle boundary.

Researchers from the Arizona State University conducted experiments where they compressed iron-carbon alloy and water together to the pressure and temperature expected at the Earth's core-mantle boundary, melting the iron-carbon alloy. The researchers found that water and metal react and make iron oxides and iron hydroxides, just like what happens with rusting at Earth's surface. However, they found that for the conditions of the core-mantle boundary carbon comes out of the liquid iron-metal alloy and forms diamond (*Geophysical Research Letters*).

They found that carbon leaking from the core into the mantle by this diamond formation process may supply enough carbon to explain the elevated carbon amounts in the mantle. They also predicted that diamond rich structures can exist at the core-mantle boundary and that seismic studies might detect the structures because seismic waves should travel unusually fast for the structures, as per a release.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Justice delayed: Protesters demand the release of Teesta Setalvad after she was arrested. •REUTERS

Bail for women

What are the provisions under the law that are 'favourable' to women accused?

K. VENKATARAMANAN

The story so far: "We hasten to add that the relief of interim bail is granted to the appellant in the peculiar facts including the fact that the appellant happens to be a lady," said the Supreme Court Bench headed by Chief Justice of India, U.U. Lalit, in its order on activist Teesta Setalvad on September 2. During the hearing, too, Justice Lalit made an oral observation that under Section 437 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), a woman is entitled to favourable treatment. He was referring to a provision that says being a woman is a possible ground for granting bail, even when otherwise it cannot be considered.

What does the bail provision say?

■ Section 437 of the CrPC deals with bail in case of non-bailable offences. It says a person shall not be released on bail if there is reasonable ground to believe that he has committed an offence punishable with death or life imprisonment; or, if he has been previously been convicted for an offence punishable with death, life imprisonment, or for a term of seven years or more; or been convicted on two or more occasions on other offences with a term between three and seven years.

However, it also contains exceptions in a proviso that says the court may grant bail even in these cases, "if such person is under the age of 16 or is a woman or is sick or infirm".

Are there other provisions favourable to women accused?

■ There are several provisions in criminal law that give special consideration to women, of any age, when they are victims of offences, including sexual offences, in the way they are treated as witnesses and victims of crimes. There are also some provisions relating to women when they are made an accused, and arrested.

> Section 437 of the Code of Criminal Procedure contains an exception that says the court may grant bail, 'if such [a] person is under the age of 16 or is a woman or is sick or infirm'

For instance, when a police officer requires the attendance of any person who he believes is acquainted with a case under investigation, the person has to appear before the officer (Section 160). However, no woman shall be required to do so at any place other than the place in which she resides. This is understood to mean that the officer has to visit the place of residence to make enquiries. This benefit is also available to boys under 15, men above 65 and any mentally or physically disabled person.

In its 84th and 135th Report in 1980 and 1989, the Law Commission suggested that the word 'place' is ambiguous, and it would be better to amend it to 'dwelling place'.

What does the CrPC say on the arrest of a woman?

■ A police officer may arrest a person who has committed a cognisable offence without a judicial order or a warrant (Section 41). If the person does not submit to custody based on the word or action of the police, Section 46 enables the police officer to confine the person physically to effect the arrest. A proviso was introduced in the CrPC in 2009 to the effect that where a woman is to be arrested, only a female police officer may touch the woman's person, unless circumstances otherwise require.

Earlier, through a 2005 amendment, a subsection was added to Section 46 to prohibit the arrest of a woman after sunset or before sunrise. However, in exceptional circumstances, a woman police officer can obtain the prior permission of a judicial magistrate to make the arrest.

What does it say on women who don't appear in public?

■ The police may seek entry into any premises where they suspect that a person who is required to be arrested is present. In a situation where any such place is an apartment in the occupancy of a female (who is not the person to be arrested) and if the woman is one who, by custom, does not appear in public, the police have to give notice to her so that she may withdraw before they enter it (Proviso to Section 47). It adds that they shall afford her every reasonable facility for withdrawing before they break open and enter the place.

In yet another exception, a woman who intends to file a defamation case, but is one who does not appear in public according to custom, can ask someone else to file the complaint on her behalf.

Why is inflation rate different across States?

What are local factors? How has it dented spending, particularly in rural India, as it faces more price pressures?

VIKAS DHOOT

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The story so far: India's economy grew at a slower-than-expected 13.5% in the first quarter of the year. Private consumption picked up, but inflation has been a dampener. Retail inflation which shot up to an eight-year high of 7.79% in April, cooled slightly to 6.7% by July. However, in several States and Union Territories (UTs), including Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Telangana, consumers continued to face over 7% inflation in July, while 11 States, including West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, saw accelerated price rise in the month.

Which States are seeing the highest inflation and where are consumers better off?

■ Inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) crossed the central bank's upper tolerance limit of 6% in January and has averaged 6.8% till July 2022. But an analysis of State-wise inflation prints for this period reveals that 14 States as well as three UTs, including Jammu and Kashmir, have faced higher than the national inflation, most of them averaging over 7% in the same period.

While consumers in Telangana (8.32%), West Bengal (8.06%) and Sikkim are worst-hit with 8%-plus inflation, other major States are not too far behind, with some of them posting a spike in price rise in July. The average 2022 retail inflation so far in Maharashtra and Haryana has been 7.7%, followed by Madhya Pradesh (7.52%), Assam (7.37%), Uttar Pradesh (7.27%), Gujarat and J&K both of which have averaged 7.2% and Rajasthan (7.1%).

By contrast, a dozen States have recorded retail price rise of less than 6% through 2022, including Kerala (4.8%), Tamil Nadu (5.01%), Punjab (5.35%), Delhi (5.56%) and Karnataka (5.84%). Manipur, Goa and Meghalaya, in fact, averaged inflation below 4%, at 1.07%, 3.66% and 3.84%, respectively.

Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand's inflation averaged just 0.1% over the national rate at 6.9%, but the former averaged 8.18% in the April to June quarter before easing slightly to 7.38% in July, while the same numbers were 7.36% and 5.65% for the latter, respectively.

What explains the variations in price rise among the States?

■ Food price inflation that dropped to a five-month low of 6.8% in July, is a key differentiating factor for States' inflation experience, explained Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis. States that are not major crop producers have higher food inflation as transport costs are added on, and those with predominantly rural areas also clock more inflation as the CPI for rural areas assigns a higher weightage to food, he pointed out. Indeed, rural inflation has averaged more than urban inflation at 7.07% from January to July, and 7.6% in the four months since it peaked at 8.38% in April. For urban consumers, inflation only crossed 6% in March 2022, has averaged 6.47% through 2022 and fallen 0.6 percentage points by July from its 2022 high of 7.09% in April.

Consumption patterns and divergences in different items' price trends also influence variations among States. Tomato inflation dropped to 44% from 158.4% in June, while meat and fish price rise cooled to a 46-month low of 3% in July. As EY India noted in a report this week, inflation in petrol used for conveyance eased to a 32-month low of 0.3%, diesel turned negative for the first time since November 2019 at (-)2.4%, but LPG inflation hit a six-month high of 23% and kerosene touched an unprecedented 108.8% in July. That some States lowered their fuel taxes made a difference.

Why does it matter?

■ While the share of private consumption has spiked to nearly 60% of GDP in Q1 2022-23, this persistently high inflation has dented spending propensity, particularly in rural India that is facing more price pressures.

"Private consumption is improving, with urban demand getting support from contact-intensive services. Had it not been for high inflation and subdued rural demand due to negative real rural wage growth, private consumption would have grown faster," said CRISIL's chief economist Dharmakirti Joshi. With the monsoon's progress still uneven, there is anxiety about rural demand even as inflationary pressures continue to cramp household budgets. Identifying what is driving inflation higher (or lower) in some States vis-à-vis others could help policy makers address those pressure points more specifically to provide lasting relief to consumers, apart from other broad-brush ploys such as interest rate hikes and trade curbs to cool prices of individual items. The Centre and States can co-ordinate to pinpoint and address the price triggers that may not be driven by global headwinds but local factors.

At Vostok-22, why is India not joining naval drill?

What message does India's participation at the military exercises send to U.S.-EU and Russia-China groupings?

SUHASINI HAIDAR

The story so far: From September 1-7, Russia is holding annual military exercises in its eastern region, with about 13 countries including India and China sending contingents. While the exercises in Vostok-2022 are routine, they are the first such multilateral exercises to be held since the Russian war in Ukraine began. They include a maritime component near the disputed islands of South Kuril, claimed by both Russia and Japan.

Who is taking part in Vostok-22?

■ The countries that have sent military contingents are Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Laos, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Syria and Tajikistan, according to the Russian Ministry of Defence, which estimates that "more than 50,000 troops and 5,000 units of military equipment" including 140 aircraft and 60 warships would participate in the exercises.

According to a statement issued by the Indian Defence Ministry, the Indian Army contingent is part of "joint manoeuvres to include joint field training exercises, combat discussions, and firepower exercises."

However, India has only sent its army contingent of the 7/8 Gorkha Rifles, and will not take part in the maritime section of the two-part event.

This is because, while the first part of the land exercises will be held in Russian military training grounds in Siberia and the Far Eastern Federal District, the maritime part of the exercises would be held in the Sea of Okhotsk and the Sea of Japan. These are near the disputed South Kuril islands.

Japan's Foreign Ministry issued a demarche calling on Russia to move the location of its maritime exercises, which the Russian Ambassador in Tokyo rejected, and India's decision not to take part in the naval exercises is believed to be in deference to Tokyo's sensitivities.

Unity drill: Participants attend the Vostok-22 military exercises at a firing ground in Russia on August 31. •REUTERS

Why has Washington criticised the exercises?

■ In a statement ahead of the exercises, U.S. White House Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said that the U.S. has "concerns about any country exercising with Russia while Russia wages an unprovoked, brutal war against Ukraine," adding that the decision to participate was up to each country, and that the government had been "pretty public" about its opposition to the exercises in talks. The Biden administration is in the process of stitching together support for more sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, as well as a demand for price-caps on Russian oil exports, and the decision by India and other countries to participate in Vostok-2022 presents a divided approach towards Russia.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), however, rejected the concerns. "Let me just emphasise that India has been regularly participating in multilateral exercises in Russia, along with a number of other countries," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, adding that "there will be only army participation in the Vostok exercises this year."

What does India's participation mean?

■ By sending an army contingent to join Russian and Chinese troops in the exercises at this time, New Delhi is aiming to send a four-pronged message. The first is its continuing relationship with Russia despite the Ukraine war, where the Modi government has decided not to join the Western sanctions regime, or to curb oil imports and other economic engagement with Moscow.

The second is to signal balance and non-alignment in the current crisis, given India has mostly abstained from votes at the United Nations seeking to criticise Russia. India also takes part in routine Indo-Pacific exercises with its Western partners including the Quad, as well as in bilateral exercises, like the India-U.S. "Yudh Abhyas" in Uttarakhand next month. These exercises will take place just after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Uzbekistan for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in September, where he will participate alongside leaders of Russia, China, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, who have sent contingents for Vostok-22 as well. It is a way of signalling that India remains comfortable in both its engagement with the U.S.-EU coalition and its rival groupings led by Russia-China. Third, by staying away from the maritime exercises, New Delhi has shown both its sensitivity to Japan's concerns on maintaining the status quo over the disputed islands, as well as stressing the importance of territorial sovereignty and integrity for India. This coming week, India is hosting a Quad meeting on Indo-Pacific initiatives in Delhi and holding bilateral talks with the U.S. and Japan on trade and defence as well.

Finally, the message the government continues to give is that it is willing to engage with China on a number of fronts, even as military talks with China at the LAC (Line of Actual Control) remain stuck. The government, however, asserts that it cannot be "business as usual" with China until the latest logjam over Chinese troops' transgression since April 2020 is resolved.

How will UGC execute the college cluster plan?

What are the National Education Policy recommendations for higher education institutes? Who will fund the move?

JAGRITI CHANDRA

The story so far: On September 2, the University Grants Commission (UGC) issued new guidelines for transforming colleges and universities into multi-disciplinary institutions. The guidelines prescribe three approaches, which include clustering of institutions located in proximity so that they can collaborate with each other to offer innovative programmes in offline, online or distance learning mode. The other two strategies recommended by the UGC include merger of single-stream institutions with other multi-disciplinary institutions under the same management or different managements and strengthening of existing establishments by setting up of new departments.

Who is likely to benefit from the move?

■ Colleges with poor enrolment and fewer resources may benefit by forming clusters with other institutions and help students access better facilities as well as avail innovative courses, according to the guidelines. The member colleges in a cluster will continue to function as affiliated colleges under the university in the initial phase during which they will share their resources to offer multi-disciplinary programmes and guide student research projects. Subsequently, the affiliating university may affiliate the cluster of colleges as a single unit which will be given autonomy in a graded manner before turning into an autonomous degree-granting cluster of colleges. These can later turn into research and teaching-intensive universities.

The partnership plan must include infrastructure expansion, number of students, departments involved, administrative and academic functions and research activities. Member colleges will also have to design their timetable so that students don't face scheduling clashes. UGC chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar told *The Hindu*: "When multiple small institutions come together and transform into a degree-granting institution, they will have more opportunities for growth. It will ultimately help the higher education system to grow and be accessible to a large number of students."

Why the emphasis on multi-disciplinary institutions now?

■ More multi-disciplinary institutions in the country is one of the recommendations for higher education in the National Education Policy 2020. The policy document has set a target of 2030 for all higher education institutions (HEIs) to become multi-disciplinary, and thereafter, increase student enrolments "preferably in the thousands" by 2040. The goal is to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education including vocational education from 26.3% (2018) to 50% by 2035. The NEP proposes that though a number of new institutions may be developed to attain these goals, a large part of the capacity creation will be achieved by expanding and improving existing HEIs.

What is the response of the sector to the guidelines?

■ While the emphasis on multi-disciplinary education is welcome, many wonder where the financial resources will come from. The UGC chairman said State governments will provide the required funds for functioning of State-run multi-disciplinary institutions.

"By suggesting clustering and merging of colleges, the intent is to build upon existing infrastructure to attain the goal of higher Gross Enrolment Ratio without any additional funding. Already institutions are running on their optimum thresholds as there have been no teacher recruitments for the past several years at Central and State Universities," said an official with a State government's Higher Education Council. He, however, welcomed the room provided for institutions to collaborate with each other to offer additional programmes. "The UGC is evading its responsibility in providing funds. The latest guidelines seek to implement the NEP, which is not acceptable to us in toto because it is partisan and emphasises on centralisation and commercialisation," said Kerala's Minister for Higher Education, R. Bindu. "It says colleges must become autonomous degree-granting institutions– what will happen to small colleges in remote areas, which will simply be obliterated? Backward sections of our society will be deprived of higher education," she added.

Others have said that there should be regulations instead of guidelines so that they are adopted by State governments.

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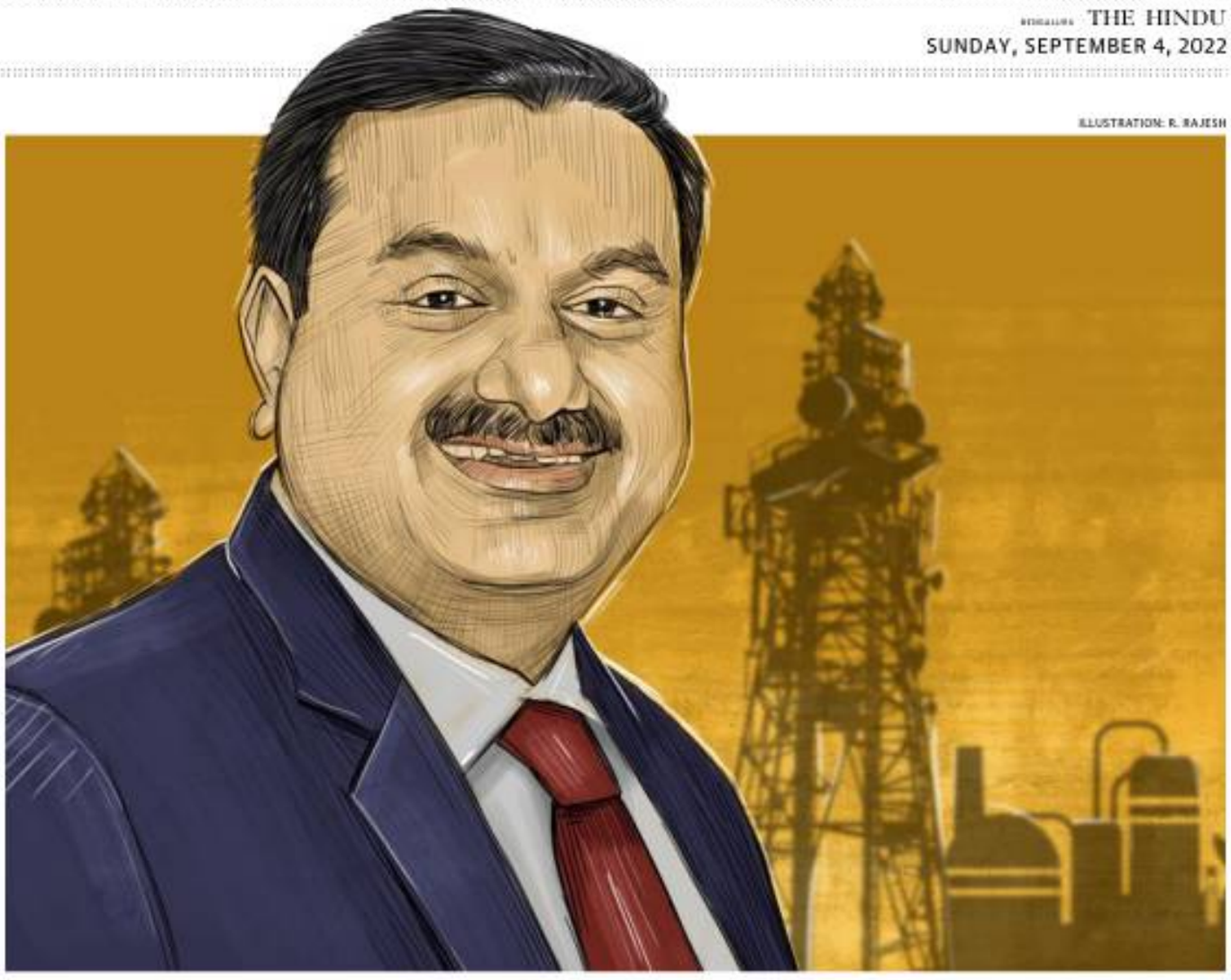
GAUTAM ADANI

From a trader to the world's third-richest

The Gujarat-based industrialist, whose interests spread from ports and airports to power, media and telecom, has a net worth of $140 billion



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Industrialist Gautam Adani, who founded the ports-to-green energy Adani Group, last week broke into the top three in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, trailing only Tesla founder Elon Musk and Amazon boss Jeff Bezos. Mr. Adani, whose net worth is pegged at just over $140 billion as on September 3 according to the index, surpassed luxury brand LVMH owner Bernard Arnault to occupy the third slot, the first Asian to do so.

Mr. Adani's first brush with business was when he dropped out of college and left his native Gujarat – where his father ran a textiles unit – to try his hand in diamond trading in Mumbai. In 1981, still barely out of his teens, he returned home to chip in at his brother's venture that made plastic films. The scent of an import opportunity struck in 1988 when he saw domestic demand for polyvinyl chloride (PVC) far surpassing local supply. As business volumes spiked, a foray into exports was the next obvious step.

The inflection point in the career of the now 60-year-old Mr. Adani came, ironically, not when he partnered a global firm, but when one such partner exited their joint venture. Cargill and the Adani Group had agreed to set up a salt farm in Mundra, Gujarat, and had even acquired permission to build a jetty to ship the output. But Cargill walked out of the venture – with ostensible reasons for the U.S. farm produce and food giant's departure ranging from a disagreement between the partners over shareholding to protests by activists against the salt farms. This was around 1991-92, just after India's economic liberalisation had been set in motion.

The abortive salt farm venture, however, left the Adani Group with about 3,000 acres of land that would prove the springboard for its next stage of growth.

At a time when Mr. Adani was said to have been looking to move beyond trading and eyeing an entry into an assets-based business, and in what would eventually prove to be a serendipitous turn of events, Gujarat announced a pioneering port policy in 1995 that threw open the doors to private investment in the sector. With the group's own trading business frequently impacted by delays in cargo clearance at other ports in the country, Mr. Adani decided this was the opportune moment to set up a port and thus was born the Mundra port venture. Today, the Mundra Port is India's largest private port, offering shippers the ability to load and unload bulk or containerised cargo.

For someone who avers destiny saved him, both from a kidnapping-for-ransom in the early 1990s and from the November 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai when he happened to be at the Taj Mahal Palace hotel, Mr. Adani has bet the future of his business not just on providence, but as observers point out, on sniffing out opportunities allied to existing business or those offering benefits of vertical integration.

For instance, the SEZ policy of 2000 allowed for the setting up of such a zone in land adjoining the Mundra Port. Both these businesses were later combined under the Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd. umbrella. Observers say this company is still the cash cow that allows the group to foray into newer kinds of businesses.

In focus

- In 1995, when Gujarat announced a new port policy opening the doors to private investment in the sector, Adani found an opportunity. The port he built, the Mundra Port, is now the country's largest
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Power generation

Mr. Adani's keenness on power generation was triggered by the demand for uninterrupted power supply by companies that set up shop in the APSEZ. An example of vertical integration was its entry into power transmission – which was an obvious next step – and coal mining, as supply of the dry fuel was key to the success of the power generation business.

Apart from detractors' claims that Mr. Adani's meteoric rise is a reflection of his proximity to the politicians in power, his forays into completely new areas have likely been more strategic, than audacious, observers contend. His decision to acquire ACC and Ambuja Cement from the Swiss building materials company Holcim for $10.5 billion, to become India's second-largest cement maker, was a case in point. The Adani Group builds highways and implements other infrastructure projects, for which cement is a key raw material. The power generation business produces fly ash as a by-product, which is an input material in cement-making.

Mr. Adani's entry into the airports sector was similarly strategic, claims Malay Mahadevia, who leads the airports arm of the business and is said to be a long-time friend of the group chairman. Mr. Mahadevia is quoted as having said that for a group with presence in the infrastructure chain – across roads, ports and warehouses – the airport business had been a missing link. Now, the Adani Group operates six airports in the country, in addition to the Mumbai airport.

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The founder's penchant for large scale has helped the group achieve goals that seemed outlandish to begin with. In 2021, Mr. Adani committed to investing $70 billion to become the world's largest renewable energy company. A year earlier, Adani Green Energy, a relatively new entrant in the renewables space, won the world's largest solar award from Solar Energy Corporation of India, to set up 8 GW solar capacity over 60 months entailing an investment of ₹45,000 crore (or about $6 billion at the time).

However, the forays into various sectors have not been without controversy. The protests against the group's acquisition of the Carmichael mines in Australia saw local outrage. Having bought the mine in outback Queensland in 2010, the group had to wait till 2019 before all state clearances were in place. While the protests had made loans difficult for the group at the originally planned scale, the patient wait nevertheless hints at Mr. Adani's conviction that coal was the way to go for power generation.

As of July 2022, thermal power generation capacity accounted for 58% of the total capacity in the country, and earlier this calendar year, the country faced a power output crunch due to a coal shortage, necessitating coal imports.

The protests witnessed around the Carmichael mines were not the first that Mr. Adani has faced. Even during the development of the port at Mundra and after the setting up of a thermal power plant in the area, reports of ecological damage – ranging from impact on fishing to warming of sea waters in the vicinity to pollution of local water bodies – drew the ire of environmentalists and local residents.

More recently, a Nordic pension fund exited investments in the group following Adani's past business transactions with a company linked to the Myanmar military. And S&P removed APSEZ Ltd. from its Dow Jones Sustainability Indices following scrutiny.

Still, not all that Mr. Adani touched has turned to gold. The Information Technology services business and the retail sector had briefly caught his eye. But plans had to be quickly shelved when the management time required was found to be far more than seen in the group's other businesses.

New forays

More recently, telecommunications and the media industry have caught Mr. Adani's fancy. Recently, he successfully bid for telecom spectrum meant to provide 5G services to enterprises including for data centres and is now engaged in a hostile takeover bid of the Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy-founded news production company New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV).

Last month, a unit of the Fitch Group, CreditSights, had observed that the group's pursuit of an aggressive expansion plan had "pressurised its credit metrics and cash flows". It pointed out that the group was increasingly venturing into new and/or unrelated businesses, which were "highly capital intensive and raises concerns regarding spreading execution oversight too thin." The agency said it saw little evidence of promoter equity capital injections into group companies, which it asserted was "needed to reduce leverage in their stretched balance sheets".

The credit rating firm added that in the worst-case scenario, overly ambitious "debt-funded growth plans could eventually spiral into a massive debt trap, and possibly culminate in a distressed situation or default" by one or more group firms.

M.V. GOVINDAN

The party man

The CPI(M)'s new Kerala chief is known to be a self-taught Marxist theoretician

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The purportedly self-effacing political demeanour of M.V. Govindan was apparent at his inaugural press conference as the Kerala State Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in Thiruvananthapuram on August 26. An emergency State committee meeting had just elected him as the new party secretary to replace Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, who was later shifted to Chennai for treatment.

Mr. Govindan, 69, rejected the suggestion that his elevation portended a shift in the CPI(M)'s politics. Instead, he extolled the virtues of collective leadership. He stressed ideological and organisational cohesion on the political battlefield, while also displaying a disdain for placing the individual above the party.

Born in a working class family in Morazha, Kannur, Mr. Govindan faced political and personal struggles in his life. That Mr. Govindan had once stopped his car to greet his mother, who was engaged in road laying work, is a party anecdote.

He had left his job as a physical training teacher in a lower primary school in his village to become a full-time worker of the Kerala State Yuvajana Federation (KSYF), a precursor of the Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI). In the party, Mr. Govindan is regarded as an autodidact and self-taught Marxist theoretician. A CPI(M) insider said Mr. Govindan had never totally shrugged off his teacher's mantle, given his active presence in party study classes. Over time, he earned the label Govindan Master – a hark back to his teaching days. "The new secretary tends to view society and politics primarily through the prism of Marxist thought. However, he is acutely aware of the exigencies of realpolitik and factors them in decisions," said the insider.

Lessons from the past

It was not always smooth going for Mr. Govindan in the party. In the late 1980s, his name was reportedly linked to M.V. Raghavan, a communist veteran from Kannur who had triggered a factious ideological strife in the CPI(M) by proposing an alliance with the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) and the Kerala Congress. The deviation from the party line led to Raghavan's expulsion.

By some accounts, the CPI(M) disciplined Mr. Govindan and other leaders who allegedly sympathised with Raghavan's political tack. The party soon reinstated Mr. Govindan as CPI (M) Kannur district secretary. Possibly drawing lessons from the past, Mr. Govindan hunkered down when the stormy intra-party strife in the CPI(M) saw Pinarayi Vijayan and V.S. Achuthanandan on opposite poles.

Party followers believe Mr. Govindan struggled to remain above the fray and sought refuge behind the party's constitution and organisational dogma. In his writings, Mr. Govindan has displayed a deep aversion for the Kannur-style confrontational politics that he felt spawned tit-for-tat violence and criminality.

He has also argued against the misuse of the draconian Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). However, the arrest of two youth hailing from party families in Kozhikode under UAPA on suspicion of Maoist association had reportedly cast many veterans, including Mr. Govindan, in a moral and political dilemma. It did not help them that Chief Minister Vijayan justified the arrests.

Mr. Govindan was not always above controversy. The Congress had blamed his wife, P.K. Shyamala, a former chairperson of the Anthoor municipality in Kannur, for the suicide of an expatriate businessman allegedly due to official antipathy. Mr. Govindan reportedly faced criticism in the party over the incident.

He ascends to the helm of the CPI(M) in Kerala at a time when the party and the ruling front face several challenges. Foremost, Mr. Govindan will have to steer the CPI(M) through its volatile disputes with Kerala Governor Arif Muhammad Khan. It will be imperative for him to maintain the apparent synergy between the party and government achieved by Mr. Balakrishnan and Mr. Vijayan.

Mr. Govindan also faces the challenge of mobilising the party machinery and civil society to insulate the government from the Opposition's "recriminatory campaign" and prepare the ground for the Lok Sabha election in 2024. Another task before him is to stem the growth of right-wing forces by popularising progressive ideals through mass campaigns.

MICHELLE BACHELET

The champion of rights

As OHCHR head, she has been forthcoming in taking up human rights issues

SRINIVASAN RAMANI

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It would have been out of character for Michelle Bachelet, the outgoing UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, if she had not released the pending report on the human rights violations in the Xinjiang region of China, before her term ended. She went on to release the report merely minutes before the end of her four-year tenure. The report, which the Chinese government sought to stop publication, stated that the Chinese regime had committed "serious human rights violations" against Uighur people in the province.

Ms. Bachelet, in many ways, has been an unconventional politician and later a diplomat who has been unafraid of ruffling feathers. This was evident in the way Ms. Bachelet's office (OHCHR, or the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) approached the Supreme Court of India in March 2020, asking to be impleaded in the petitions challenging the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act after informing the Human Rights Council that the OHCHR had "great concerns over the CAA". The Indian government averred that no foreign party had any "locus standi" on what was an internal matter of India.

Other issues that the OHCHR has raised during Ms. Bachelet's tenure included the Saudi Arabia-led military intervention in Yemen that resulted in a humanitarian crisis in that country and the repression of Palestinians, including children, by Israeli forces that continued into 2022.

Life under dictatorship

A two-time former President of Chile, Ms. Bachelet's formative years were spent in repression by the military regime in the South American country. She had joined Salvador Allende's socialist party – Unidad Popular – in 1970 while pursuing medical studies at the University of Chile. After Allende's government was toppled in a murderous coup d'état led by General Augusto Pinochet on September 11, 1973, her family was subject to severe repression – her father was accused of being a dissident, tortured in detention and died following a heart attack. Ms. Bachelet and her mother were both detained; she was roughed up but released from prison and later left the country, first to Australia and then to Berlin, East Germany, where she studied medicine before returning to Chile in 1982 and finishing a degree in paediatrics.

She joined public life as an activist who helped children of victims of political repression. Following an educational stint at the Interamerican Defense College in Washington DC, she became an aide to Chile's Defence Minister in 1997 and soon became Health Minister and later Defence Minister in President Ricardo Lagos' Cabinets in the early 2000s.

Running on a wave of popularity, Ms. Bachelet won the presidency in early 2006. Her first tenure coincided with the rise of other left-wing regimes in Latin America and her presidency was credited with guiding the country through a difficult economic period during the Global Financial Crisis, expanding the role of women in government, helping reduce poverty and improving primary education, besides funding pension schemes, and other social programmes.

At the end of her first term, she enjoyed a high approval rating of 84%. Her second term (2014-18) was relatively less successful – Chile's economy suffered due to the downturn in international copper prices (the country is home to the world's largest copper mines). While she attempted to address inequality in the country by instituting progressive taxation policies, labour reforms to strengthen union and collective bargaining rights, besides reform of the Pinochet-era "binomial system" in elections to a more proportional representation based system, the allegations of corruption in her regime marred her legacy.

Despite the fall in her popularity, Ms. Bachelet remained acclaimed for being a forceful woman head of State who had instituted several reforms in her two tenures and secured the OHCHR in 2018. As the outgoing head of the OHCHR, she would rightfully claim her landmark achievement to be the "report on racial justice and equality", released in 2021 (a year after the George Floyd murder in the U.S.) that featured an agenda to end racism against African and African-origin people. In releasing the Xinjiang report, albeit belatedly, Ms. Bachelet went on to reclaim her legacy.

Russians bid farewell to Gorbachev

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MOSCOW

Russians on Saturday paid their final respects to the last leader of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, in a ceremony held in Moscow without much fanfare and with President Vladimir Putin notably absent.

Several thousand mourners queued up to quietly file past Gorbachev's open casket as it was flanked by honour guards under the Russian flag in the historic Hall of Columns.

The hall has long been used for the funerals of high officials in Russia and was where the body of Joseph Stalin first lay in state during four days of national mourning after his death in 1953.

After several hours the coffin was taken out of the hall in a procession led by Dmitry Muratov, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning editor-in-chief of independent newspaper *Novaya Gazeta*, which Gorbachev helped found.

Gorbachev was buried next to his wife Raisa, who died from cancer in 1999.

The mourners were of all ages, some old enough to remember the years of Soviet stagnation before Gorbachev came to power, others young enough to have only lived in Russia under Putin.

The Kremlin had said Putin would not attend Saturday's funeral due to his "work schedule".

U.S. approves $1.1 bn arms sale to Taiwan

The package was announced in the wake of China's military exercises around the island

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WASHINGTON

The U.S. State Department has approved a potential $1.1 billion sale of military equipment to Taiwan, including 60 anti-ship missiles and 100 air-to-air missiles, the Pentagon said on Saturday, amid heightened tensions with China.

The package was announced in the wake of China's aggressive military drills around Taiwan following a visit to the island last month by U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the highest-ranking U.S. official to travel to Taipei in years.

The sale includes Sidewinder missiles, which can be used for air-to-air and surface-attack missions, at a cost of some $85.6 million, Harpoon anti-ship missiles at an estimated $355 million cost and support for Taiwan's surveillance radar programme for an estimated $665.4 million, the Pentagon's Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) said.

Boost-up: Air Force soldiers with a U.S.-made air-to-air missile at the airbase in Hualien, Taiwan. • REUTERS/FILE

"As China continues to increase pressure on Taiwan... We're providing Taiwan with what it needs to maintain its self-defence capabilities," Laura Rosenberger, White House senior director for China and Taiwan, said in a statement.

Reuters reported last month that President Joe Biden's administration was planning new equipment for Taiwan but that the equipment would sustain Taiwan's current military systems and fulfil existing orders, not offer new capabilities, despite the heightened tensions that followed Ms. Pelosi's visit.

The Pentagon said the equipment and support announced on Friday would not alter the basic military balance in the region. U.S. officials said they did not reflect any change in policy toward Taiwan.

"These proposed sales are routine cases to support Taiwan's continuing efforts to modernise its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability," a U.S. Department of State spokesperson said.

Taiwan's Defence Ministry expressed its thanks, adding that China's recent "provocative" activities represented a serious threat and the arms sale would help it face China's military pressure.

"At the same time, it also demonstrates that it will help our country strengthen its overall defence capabilities and jointly maintain the security and peace of the Taiwan Strait and the Indo-Pacific region," the Ministry said.

Rupert Hammond-Chambers, President of the U.S.-Taiwan Business Council, said his organisation opposed what he termed a "limited approach" to arms sales to Taiwan.

"As the (China's) People's Liberation Army (PLA) recently demonstrated in its mock blockade, the island faces a range of threats that require a range of capabilities. To deny the island the ability to mount a full defence will, over time, create new gaps in Taiwan's defences that the PLA can exploit," Mr. Hammond-Chambers said in a statement.

The order reflects continued U.S. support for Taiwan as Taipei faces pressure from China, which claims Taiwan as its own territory.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa and wife Ioma Rajapaksa at the Bandaranaike International airport on Friday. • REUTERS

Gotabaya returns, faces call for arrest

He fled Sri Lanka after protests in July

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa faced calls for his arrest on Saturday after returning home from self-imposed exile under the protection of his successor's government.

Mr. Rajapaksa fled the island nation under military escort in July after a huge crowd stormed his official residence following months of demonstrations sparked by an unprecedented economic crisis.

The 73-year-old announced his resignation from Singapore and spent weeks under virtual house arrest at a Bangkok hotel before his return late on Friday.

Leaders of the protest campaign that toppled his government said Mr. Rajapaksa, who lost his presidential immunity after leaving office, should now be brought to justice.

"Gotabaya returned because no country is willing to accept him, he has no place to hide," Joseph Stalin, the leader of a teachers' trade union that helped mobilise demonstrators, told AFP.

"He should be arrested immediately for causing such misery for the 22 million people of Sri Lanka," he added. "He can't live freely as if nothing has happened."

Mr. Rajapaksa's government was accused of chaotic mismanagement as the Sri Lankan economy spiralled into a blistering downturn.

The crisis saw acute shortages of food, lengthy blackouts and long queues at gas stations for scarce fuel supplies after the country ran out of foreign currency to pay for vital imports.

Sri Lanka's main opposition alliance, the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), has yet to comment on Rajapaksa's return, but a former Minister from the bloc said the ousted leader needed to be prosecuted.

"Gotabaya must be held to account for his crimes before and during his presidency," Ajith Perera said.

New govt. residence

Mr. Rajapaksa was garlanded with flowers by Ministers and senior politicians after disembarking from his flight in Colombo.

He was driven in a security convoy to a new official residence in the capital provided to him by the government of President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

'Iran briefly seizes two U.S. Navy drones'

Tehran says they were released after securing the international shipping passage

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TEHRAN

An Iranian naval flotilla briefly seized two American military unmanned research vessels in the Red Sea before releasing them, Iranian state media reported on Friday.

The Iranian Navy's "*Jamaran* destroyer encountered several American military unmanned research vessels on the international shipping route on Thursday while carrying out a counter-terrorism mission in the Red Sea," state TV said.

It added that the flotilla, "after warning an American destroyer twice, seized the two drone vessels to prevent possible accidents".

Rough encounter: The U.S. Navy said its vessels were taking photos of the surrounding environment. • AP

"After securing the passage of international shipping, the flotilla released the two vessels in a safe area," the state broadcaster continued, airing footage purporting to show the two U.S. vessels being released by Iranian forces on board a ship.

The U.S. Navy said its vessels were taking photos of the surrounding environment and had been in the vicinity of the southern Red Sea for more than 200 days.

"At around 2 p.m. (local time) on September 1, U.S. 5th Fleet detected the Iranian ship approaching both unmanned vessels and removing them from the water," the U.S. Navy said.

Two destroyers operating nearby, the *USS Nitze* and *USS Delbert D. Black*, "remained on scene communicating with the Iranian warship to deescalate the situation," the statement added.

The U.S. Navy vessels were released at around 8 a.m. the following day, according to the statement.

Ukraine's nuclear plant goes offline

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ZAPORIZHZHIA

Ukraine's and Europe's largest nuclear power plant has stopped supplying Ukrainian-controlled territories with electricity, Kremlin-backed authorities said on Saturday, as a delegation of inspectors from the UN nuclear watchdog continued their mission at the site.

The Russian-appointed regional administration in Enerhodar, where the Zaporizhzhia plant is located, blamed an alleged Ukrainian shelling attack on Saturday morning, which they said had destroyed a key power line.

Flood crossing

On the edge: Flood-affected residents crossing a railway track damaged by flood waters in the Fazilpur area of Rajanpur district in Pakistan's Punjab Province on Saturday. The devastating floods following heavy rain have put a third of the country under water. • AFP

NASA puts off Artemis moon rocket launch for second time

Repairs to plug a fuel leak may push schedule to October

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CAPE CANAVERAL

NASA's new moon rocket sprang another dangerous fuel leak on Saturday, forcing launch controllers to call off their second attempt to send a crew capsule into lunar orbit with test dummies.

The first attempt last week was also marred by escaping hydrogen, but those leaks were elsewhere on the 98-metre rocket, the most powerful ever built by NASA.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said repair work could bump the launch into October.

Mission managers planned to meet later in the day to decide on a course of action. After Tuesday, a two-week launch blackout period kicks in. Extensive leak inspections and repairs, meanwhile, could require that the rocket be hauled off the pad and back into the hangar; that would push the flight into October, Mr. Nelson said.

Artemis I rocket sits on launch pad 39-B at Kennedy Space Center. • AFP

"We'll go when it's ready. We don't go until then and especially now on a test flight, because we're going to stress this and test it... and make sure it's right before we put four humans up on the top of it," he said.

'Be ready for scrubs'

He added: "This is part of our space programme: Be ready for the scrubs."

The $4.1 billion test flight is the first step in NASA's Artemis programme of renewed lunar exploration.

If the five-week demo with test dummies succeeds, astronauts could fly around the moon in 2024 and land on it in 2025. People last walked on the moon 50 years ago.

EU ready if Russia turns off gas, says Gentiloni

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
CERNOBBIO

EU Economy Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni on Saturday said that the EU was "well prepared" in the event of a total halt in Russian gas deliveries, thanks to storage capacity and energy-saving measures.

"We are not afraid of Putin's decisions, we are asking the Russians to respect contracts, but if they don't, we are ready to react," he said.

Russian gas giant Gazprom said on Friday that the Nord Stream pipeline linking Russia to northern Germany, which was due to resume service on Saturday after an interruption for maintenance, would be "completely" stopped until a turbine is repaired.

European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen on Friday said that "it would be time" to put a ceiling on the price of gas imported from Russia, backing a measure advocated by Italian PM Mario Draghi.

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Man sets off crash scare in Mississippi city; lands safely

He steals plane, calls 911 and threatens to crash

ASSOCIATED PRESS
TUPELO

A man who stole a plane and flew it over northern Mississippi after threatening to crash it into a Walmart faces charges of grand larceny and terrorism threats, authorities said on Saturday.

Tupelo Police Chief John Quaka said at a press conference that Cory Wayne Patterson stole a Beechcraft King Air C90A from the Tupelo Regional Airport, took off early on Saturday, called 911 and then threatened to crash the aircraft. Patterson didn't have a pilot's license but had some flight instruction and worked at Tupelo Aviation fueling aircraft, which gave him access to planes.

Negotiators spoke to Patterson and convinced him not carry out the threat and to land at the airport. Patterson did not have the experience to land and another pilot attempted to coach him through it.

A negotiator re-established contact, and the plane landed safely.

Tupelo Mayor Todd Jordan said he hopes Patterson "will get the help he needs" and didn't intend to hurt himself or others in the hours after the initial threat. Mr. Quaka said Patterson, on his Facebook page, posted what was in essence a goodbye message at about 9:30 a.m. "Sorry everyone. Never wanted to actually hurt anyone. I love my parents and sister this isn't your fault. Goodbye," the message read.

Michael Canders, director of the Aviation Center at Farmingdale State College in New York, called the incident "a wake-up call" for general aviation airports and their staff.

The Transportation Security Administration requires annual training emphasising a "see something, say something" approach to try and prevent a scenario like what police believe occurred in Tupelo – an employee with access to aircraft, Mr. Canders said.

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IHCL to set up 2 hotels near Statue of Unity

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Indian Hotels Company Ltd. (IHCL) of the Tata Group has announced that it would set up two hotels in close proximity to the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.

The 125-room Vivanta and 150-room Ginger would open in 2025.

Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Saturday laid the foundation stone for the hotels.

"The rapid growth of our footprint in Gujarat is an exciting development for IHCL, and these hotels will be a significant addition to our portfolio," MD and CEO Puneet Chhatwal said in a statement.

Located in the Narmada district in the heart of Gujarat, Ekta Nagar offers many tourist attractions.

FTAs with U.K., Canada to be sealed in 2022: Subrahmanyam

'Trade policy to be unveiled in September as part of package to spur exports'

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's free trade pact negotiations with the United Kingdom are 'within touching distance' of a deal and a similar deal along with a Bilateral Investment Treaty with Canada is expected to be concluded by December, the government's top trade official said on Saturday.

Exuding confidence about achieving record high overall exports of $750 billion in 2022-23 despite global headwinds, Commerce Secretary B. V. R. Subrahmanyam said that the government was readying a new Foreign Trade Policy that would be unveiled on September 30 as part of a package to propel goods exports which dipped sequentially for the third straight month in August.

New horizons: FTAs will open new markets and market access is our goal, says Commerce Secretary Subrahmanyam. •PTI

"We are going to probably clinch the FTA with the United Kingdom by the end of this month itself. They don't have a full-time Prime Minister and somebody will be in place by Monday or Tuesday. Once that is done, we are going to see a $10-15 billion uptick from there," he said. Jewellery exports to the UAE had already risen 50% in the first two months following an FTA, he pointed out.

"There is a global demand to move out of China and one of the reasons why countries are running to do Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with India and have become more flexible, is to reduce their own dependence on China," Mr. Subrahmanyam said.

"In 18 of 20 top product groups Australia imports, China has 50% to 80% market share. That's the kind of dependence... no wonder they want to sign an FTA with us," he pointed out, adding the same issue plagues Europe and the U.K., which are looking to diversify.

"That's why we are pushing for... FTAs which are an important part of our trade strategy. FTAs will open new markets and market access is our goal," he underlined.

INTERVIEW | SANDIP PATEL

India seeing growing interest in quantum computing: IBM

It can lead to scientific discoveries, critical drugs: India MD

MINI TEJASWI

India has been witnessing growing interest in quantum computing, with students, developers and academia actively participating, and is emerging as a talent hub in this field, said **Sandip Patel**, *MD, IBM India/South Asia region. Excerpts:*

What are the differences between quantum and classical computing?

■ Quantum computing is an exciting new technology that will shape our world of tomorrow by providing us with an edge and myriad possibilities. It is a fundamentally different way of processing information compared to today's classical computing systems.

While today's classical computers store information as binary 0 and 1 states, quantum computers draw on the fundamental laws of nature to carry out calculations using quantum bits.

Unlike a bit that has to be a 0 or a 1, a qubit can be in a combination of states, which allows for exponentially larger calculations and gives them the potential to solve complex problems which even the most powerful classical supercomputers are not capable of.

How will it provide an edge over classical computing in solving everyday challenges?

■ Quantum computers tap into the quantum mechanical phenomenon to manipulate information and are expected to shed light on processes of molecular and chemical interactions, address difficult optimisation problems, and boost the power of artificial intelligence. Advances like these could open the door to new scientific discoveries, life-saving drugs, and improvements in supply chains, logistics and the modelling of financial data.

Having debuted a 127-qubit processor, IBM's roadmap now includes plans to build a 4,000+qubit processor by 2023

What will be IBM India's contribution to the company's global initiatives in quantum computing?

■ In India, we are witnessing a growing interest in quantum computing with active participation (amongst the highest) from students, developers and academia in initiatives like the IBM Quantum Challenge, IBM Quantum Summer School and Qiskit Challenge-India (Qiskit is an open-source software development kit built by IBM for the quantum developer community). We also have a growing community of Qiskit advocates and IBM Quantum ambassadors in India.

Please share details about IBM's collaboration with premier institutions in India.

■ Academia plays an important role in building skills for any deep technology including quantum. Hence, last May, we announced our collaboration with leading educational institutions in India through the IBM Quantum Educators Programme. The faculty and students of these institutions will be able to access IBM Quantum systems, quantum learning resources and quantum tools over IBM Cloud for educational purposes.

At what stage is India in quantum computing?

■ India is poised to play a pivotal role in the quantum technology revolution globally. As per our quantum roadmap announced in 2021, IBM debuted its first 127-qubit processor. In 2022, IBM extended its quantum roadmap even further to clearly lay out how we will blaze a path towards frictionless quantum computing. This expanded roadmap includes our plans to build a 4,000+qubit processor by 2023, along with significant milestones to build an intelligent quantum software orchestration platform that will allow large and complicated problems to be easily broken apart and solved across a network of quantum and classical systems. Once realised, quantum-centric supercomputing will open up new and powerful computational spaces for industries globally.

What is IBM's people strategy in India?

■ Our team is working to support and accelerate India's national quantum mission and is participating in building a strong quantum ecosystem as that is crucial for succeeding.

We have quantum scientists and engineers around the world conducting fundamental research to improve the technology.

Employee centricity key to retaining talent: HR officials

'Arrogant, bureaucratic and complacent firms suffered a lot'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Organisations have to focus on 'employee centricity' to excel in changing times and prevent large-scale attrition, according to top human resource executives.

"Finding people who would be putting in working hours every day is very difficult to get," said Alok Sheopurkar, HR Head at HDFC Asset Management Co.

He was speaking at an HR conclave here.

"When the world looks for talent and India starts exporting talent, would we be able to retain our best people?" he asked.

"I envisage that the next economic crisis would be due to a shortage of talent and not because of a shortage of money," he added.

He asserted that organisations which were arrogant, bureaucratic and complacent suffered a lot. "But the organisations that are purpose-driven and fair, could retain their talent."

"If an employee who comes into the organisation is able to be productive faster, and if we enable the employee to be continuously productive, the stickiness to the organisation is always going to be there," Hirak Bhattacharjee, Head HR, Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance AMC, observed.

"As per the Indian employment data, 68% of people changed jobs last year," Nalini Nutan, Head HR, BASF, said while deliberating on the theme of 'Battling The Great Resignation.'

"Of that, 61% changed for better opportunities while the remaining that quit chose culture and mental well-being, among others.... as corporates we need to change and we are taking baby steps towards it."

'Creative economy's 2019 exports stood at $121 bn'

EXIM Bank paper maps potential

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India's creative economy comprising the arts and crafts, audio and video arts and design, among others, accounted for exports of goods and services worth $121 billion in 2019, according to a paper by the Exim Bank of India.

The research paper maps the untapped export potential of India's creative economy, Exim Bank said in a release on the inauguration of Exim Bazaar at the National Crafts Museum, here on Saturday. Exim Bank said the first of its kind study 'Reflection & Development of India's Creative Economy' analysed seven different creative segments such as

art & crafts, audio visuals, design and visual arts, as per the UN classification, to map their export potential.

India's total exports of creative goods and services stood close to $121 billion in 2019, of which exports of creative services accounted for almost $100 billion, Exim Bank said citing the research paper.

SPORT

Emami East Bengal downs Mumbai City in thriller

Picks up first win of season; Army Red stuns ISL champion Hyderabad FC

DURAND CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

Emami East Bengal surprised former ISL champion Mumbai City FC 4-3 in a thrilling 131st Durand Cup football Group B goal fest at the Kishore Bharati Stadium here on Saturday.

Having played two goalless draws before a lone-goal loss against traditional rival ATK Mohun Bagan, East Bengal put a memorable finish to its campaign. Sumeet Passi and Cleiton Silva shared the four goals for East Bengal while Lallianzuala Chhangte struck twice and Greg Stewart once for Mumbai City.

The first half produced a very entertaining brand of attacking football that saw six goals scored. East Bengal scored two spectacular goals to establish a healthy lead in the first quarter. The first came in the 17th minute from Sumeet Passi, who finished with a nice angular header after Jerry set up a deep cross in the Mumbai box.

Brazilian Silva came up with a world-class free kick to double East Bengal's score by the 22nd minute.

Nice counter-attack

Mumbai regrouped after the initial setbacks and pulled one back through Stewart, who finished a nice counter-attack. Passi then struck his second in the 34th minute East Bengal's joy did not last long as Chhangte's outstanding finishes made it 3-3 by the 43rd minute.

The second session was relatively placid before Silva lit up things with the winner in the 81st.

Earlier, Army Red relied on its captain Suresh Meitei's lone goal to shock Indian Super League champion Hyderabad FC 1-0 in a Group C match at the Khuman Lampak Stadium, Imphal.

Meitei put Army Red ahead in the 33rd minute before his team defended heavily against table topper Hyderabad's powerful forward line to snatch its first win. Army Red had beaten Hyderabad last year as well.

Army Red, which had shared points with another ISL side Chennaiyin FC, finished its campaign on a high with five points.

The Army men got the lead when Christopher Kamei's free-kick from just outside the box on the right was directed into the goal by Meitei's delicate header.

The results: Group B: Emami East Bengal 4 (Passi 17, 34, Cleiton 22, 81) bt Mumbai City FC 3 (Stewart 27, Chhangte 36, 43).

Group C: Army Red 1 (Meitei 33) bt Hyderabad FC 0.

Making a difference: Cleiton Silva and Sumeet Passi scored a brace each to ensure East Bengal's win. •DEBASISH BHADURI

Praggnanandhaa, Aravindh join leaders

Arjun beats Jumabayev, draws with Predke

DUBAI CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

A resurgent R. Praggnanandhaa and sparring-partner Aravindh Chithambaram scored impressive victories to join Arjun Erigaisi and top-seeded Russian Alexandr Predke in the lead at six points after seven rounds of the Dubai Open chess in Dubai on Friday.

Before Arjun and Predke drew their top-board encounter in 31 moves, Arjun checkmated fifth-round leader Rinat Jumabayev in 25 moves.

Soon, Praggnanandhaa proved his superiority over Vladimir Akopian in 32 moves to complete the four-man leaders' group.

Aravindh and Praggnanandhaa. •FILE PHOTO: RAKESH RAO

The 51-year-old Akopian was ranked World No. 11 with a career-high rating of 2713 in 2003.

Leading results (seventh round): Alexandr Predke (FIDE, 6) drew with Arjun Erigaisi (6); Vladimir Akopian (USA, 5) lost to R. Praggnanandhaa (6); Rinat Jumabayev (Kaz, 5) lost to Aravindh Chithambaram (6).

Sahaj Grover (5) lost to S.P. Sethuraman (5.5); Harsha Bharathakoti (5) drew with Amin Tabatabaei (IRI, 5); Abhijeet Gupta (5.5) bt Arjun Kalyan (4.5).

Samvel Ter-Sahakyan (Arm, 5) drew with Aditya Mittal (5); Sammed Shete (5) drew with Aleksandar Indjic (Srb, 5); Reza Mahdavi (IRI, 4.5) lost to Aram Hakobyan (Arm, 5.5).

P. Iniyan (5) bt Ziaur Rahman (Ban, 4.5); Kushagra Mohan (4.5) drew with Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu (Ger, 4.5).

Nitish Belurkar (4.5) drew with Raunak Sadhwani (4.5).

Ahead Of My Time in great heart

HYDERABAD: The 3-year-old colt Ahead Of My Time, who is in great heart as evidenced by his last victory and morning trials, should win the Race2win.Com Deccan Colts Championship Stakes, the stellar attraction of Sunday's (Sept. 4) races here.

1 HUSSAIN SAGAR CUP (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 1.20 p.m.: 1. The Akhanda (3) Ashad Asbar 60, 2. Philanthropist (6) Kiran Naidu 58, 3. Melting Ice (10) Nakhat Singh 56.5, 4. Quality Warrior (8) B.R. Kumar 55, 5. Royal Pal (1) Gaurav Singh 55, 6. N R I Majestic (5) Koushik 54, 7. Blast In Class (4) Santosh Raj 53, 8. I Am Superman (2) D.S. Deora 52.5, 9. Call Of The Blue (7) B. Nikhil 52 and 10. Sweet Melody (9) Surya Prakash 52.

1. THE AKHANDA, 2. PHILANTHROPIST, 3. QUALITY WARRIOR

2 MOUNT PLEASANT PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 1.55: 1. City Cruise (9) Nakhat Singh 56, 2. Deccan Ranger (8) Akshay Kumar 56, 3. Fast Track (5) Santosh Raj 56, 4. Palladium (1) Surya Prakash 56, 5. Sergeant Reckless (10) Kiran Naidu 56, 6. Wind Sprite (3) Afroz Khan 56, 7. Chica Bonita (6) A.A. Vikrant 54.5, 8. Ella Eldingar (2) G. Naresh 54.5. 9. Saint Emilion (7) C. Umesh 54.5 and 10. The Thunder (4) Ashad Asbar 54.5.

1. THE THUNDER, 2. DECCAN RANGER, 3. PALLADIUM

3 HYDERABAD CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER'S CUP (DIV. II) (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 – 2.35: 1. N R I Vision (9) B.R. Kumar 60, 2. Strategist (2) Surya Prakash 58, 3. Amyra (1) Santosh Raj 56.5, 4. Makhtoob (6) C.S. Jodha 55.5, 5. Full Volume (10) Suraj Narredu 54.5, 6. Angel Tesoro (7) A.A. Vikrant 53.5, 7. N R I Touch (3) Akshay Kumar 53.5, 8. Aerial Combat (4) Khurshad Alam 53, 9. Top In Class (8) Kuldeep Singh 51.5 and 10. Gusty Note (5) P. Gaddam 50.5.

1. FULL VOLUME, 2. N R I TOUCH, 3. N R I VISION

4 MAHABUBNAGAR PLATE (1,200m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 3.10: 1. Beauty Flame (1) B. Nikhil 60, 2. Lineweiler (12) Kiran Naidu 60, 3. Rhythm Selection (7) Ajeeth Kumar 60, 4. Star Racer (3) Akshay Kumar 60, 5. Mind Reader (4) Nakaht Singh 59, 6. Thunder Road (5) C. Umesh 59, 7. Sporting Smile (10) Gaurav Singh 58, 8. Bedford (6) Santosh Raj 57, 9. Theo's Choice (9) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 10. Blazing Jupiter (2) Kuldeep Singh 53, 11. Wot's Up Jay (8) G. Naresh 53 and 12. N R I Blue (11) Koushik 51.

1. BEAUTY FLAME, 2. STAR RACER, 3. MIND READER

5 HYDERABAD CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER'S CUP (DIV. I) (1,200m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.45: 1. Red Snaper (8) Afroz Khan 60, 2. Mark My Day (7) Nakhat Singh 57.5, 3. Palomar (6) Surya Prakash 54.5, 4. Castlerock (5) G. Naresh 54, 5. Four One Four (9) Akshay Kumar 54, 6. Star Babe (1) Abhay Singh 53.5, 7. Just Incredible (3) Kuldeep Singh 53, 8. Hashtag (10) Gaurav Singh 51, 9. N R I Sun (2) Koushik 51 and 10. Different (4) Md. Ismail 50.5.

1. MARK MY DAY, 2. FOUR ONE FOUR, 3. STAR BABE

6 RACE2WIN.COM DECCAN COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (Gr. III) (1,600m), (Terms) Colts & Geldings – 4.20: 1. Ahead Of My Time (2) Sandesh 56, 2. Ashoka (7) Trevor 56, 3. Ashwa Yudhvir (6) Suraj Narredu 56, 4. Ayr (3) Kuldeep Singh 56, 5. Salento (8) Antony Raj 56, 6. Serdar (1) C.S. Jodha 56, 7. Tranquilo (4) Akshay Kumar 56 and 8. True Icon (5) C. Umesh 56.

1. AHEAD OF MY TIME, 2. ASHWA YUDHVIR, 3. TRANQUILO

7 MOUNT PLEASANT PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 5.00: 1. Good Day (10) Nakhat Singh 56, 2. Rovaniemi (8) P. Vikram 56, 3. Stay Smart (2) B. Nikhil 56, 4. Strauss (3) Suraj Narredu 56, 5. True Marshal (7) Akshay Kumar 56, 6. Avancia (1) A.A. Vikrant 54.5, 7. Dynoosh (9) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 8. Hoping Cloud (4) Mohit Singh 54.5, 9. Raniji (6) Gaurav Singh 54.5 and 10. Temptations (5) Ajeeth Kumar 54.5.

1. STRAUSS, 2. TEMPTATIONS, 3. TRUE MARSHAL

Day's Best: THE AKHANDA

Jackpot: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.

Mini Jackpot: (i) 1, 2, 3 & 4. (ii) 4, 5, 6 & 7.

Treble: (i) 2, 3 & 4, (ii) 5, 6 & 7.

Tanala: All races.

Neeraj clinches gold

WRESTLING

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

After downing Services' Parveen in a close thriller to take the 82kg Greco-Roman gold in the National u-23 wrestling championship, international Neeraj did the vanishing act here on Saturday.

He skipped the medal ceremony and the dope test. His coaches were summoned and asked for an explanation. And when they said that Neeraj's phone was switched off, they were asked to wait.

Maharashtra international Ravi Raj had done a similar vanishing act a day earlier, after winning the men's 74kg freestyle title.

Haryana led the points table in the men's freestyle and women's event at the end of the penultimate day.

The results (finals):

Men: Greco-Roman: 55kg: Rupin (Har) bt Laishram (SSCB) by points; 67kg: Vinayak (Mah) bt Anuj (Del) by technical superiority; **82kg:** Neeraj (Del) bt Parveen (SSCB) by tech sup; **130kg:** Parvesh (Har) bt Deepanshu (Del) by tech sup. **Freestyle: 57kg:** Rahul (Del) bt Suraj (Mah) by fall; **65kg:** Anuj (Har) bt Jaskaran (Pun) by points; **79kg:** Anuj Tomar (UP) bt Chander (Har) by points; **97kg:** Sahil (Pun) bt Pardeep (Har) by tech sup.

Women: 53kg: Pooja (Har) bt Manshi (UP) by fall; **59kg:** Mansi (Har) bt Manisha (Raj) by tech sup; **68kg:** Radhika (Har) bt Pratiksha (Mah) by tech sup.; **72kg:** Sunita (Har) bt Laxmi (UP) by fall.

ROUND-UP

Abinav Prasanna and Tanishka reign

BENGALURU: Abinav Prasanna and Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav emerged the hopes category boys' and girls' singles champions respectively at the M.S. Ramaiah Memorial State-ranking table tennis tournament here.

The results: Hopes: Boys: Abinav Prasanna bt Arav Mangesh Nawarange 11-7, 11-9, 11-6; Girls: Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav bt Irene Anna Subhash 11-5, 11-5, 11-1.

Sohail moves up

Sohail Ahmed beat M.L. Lakshman 4-3 (33-27, 32-31, 18-45, 22-34, 49-30, 09-35, 36-30) in a second round match at the Karnataka State-ranking 6Red snooker tournament, here on Saturday.

Shaji is AIFF Secy. General

Vijayan to chair technical committee

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The newly-elected Executive Committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) had its first meeting here on Saturday with several decisions taken to get the working of the federation back on track.

All members, including the eminent players co-opted in the EC barring Bhaichung Bhutia, who lost the presidential election on Friday, were present with the EC unanimously approving Shaji Prabhakaran's nomination as the new AIFF Secretary General.

Shaji, who has been associated with FIFA and AFC in the past, is currently the president of Football Delhi.

"Dr. Shaji's previous experience as FIFA Regional Development Officer will bring in new and fresh ideas which will provide the much-needed fillip to Indian football," AIFF president Kalyan Choubey, who proposed his name, said.

The acting secretary general Sunando Dhar was appointed the new deputy to Prabhakaran while I.M. Vijayan was named chairman of the Technical Committee with Eugeneson Lyngdoh, Climax Lawrence, Harjinder Singh, Arun Malhotra and Pinki Bompal being the other members. Shabbir Ali was named chairman of the Advisory Committee.

Serena glows like the last ember of a fading fire, bows out

Her dreams of a fairytale finish to a glittering career dashed in a gruelling three-hour five-minute battle against Tomljanovic in the third round

U.S. OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

Serena Williams' dreams of a fairytale finish to her glittering career were dashed on Friday as the tennis icon was sent crashing out of the U.S. Open by Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic.

The 40-year-old Serena – who last month signalled she planned to retire after the Open – was ousted 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-1 by Tomljanovic in a gruelling three-hour five-minute battle.

Giving it her all!

Serena poured everything into one last stand in front of a ferociously partisan crowd at the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

But the veteran wilted visibly in the decisive third set, wearied by the demands of a heroic second set display that saw her level the match in a tie-break.

As Tomljanovic raced to a 5-1 lead in the third, Serena summoned every last drop of her fighting spirit to stave off defeat, saving five match-points in a marathon seventh game before finally succumbing.

Afterwards, Serena saluted the crowd, welling up as Tina Turner's anthem 'Simply the Best' echoed around the stands.

Asked by an on-court interviewer whether there was any possibility she might yet extend her career, she replied: "I don't think so, but you never know."

Tomljanovic, 29, has never gone further than the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam event and is ranked 49th in the world.

Yet the Australian showed magnificent composure in the face of tremendous pressure from Serena and a home crowd determined to will her opponent to victory.

Every unforced error or mistake by Tomljanovic was greeted by cheers from the crowd, who conversely remained mostly silent whenever the Australian fired off a winner.

Serena, meanwhile, was let down by her serve. Though she was still able to send down 11 aces during the match, she was broken no fewer than eight times.

Tomljanovic had recovered from 5-3 down in the first set to break Serena, before rattling off four straight games to take the early lead. Tomljanovic also forced a tie-break in the second set after Serena had led 4-0.

Serena took the tie-breaker to level at 1-1, but the energy-sapping one-hour-23-minute second set clearly took its toll on the American.

The Australian looked by far the fresher of the two in the decider and she quickly built a 5-1 lead in the third before closing out the win.

TOP RESULTS

Third round: Men: 1-Medvedev bt Wu (Chn) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; 23-Kyrgios (Aus) bt Wolf (USA) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; 12-Busta (Esp) bt 18-de Minaur (Aus) 6-1, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6(5); 27-Khachanov bt Draper (GBR) 6-3, 4-6, 6-5 (retd.); Fokina (Esp) bt Galan (Col) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; 13-Berrettini (Ita) bt Murray (GBR) 6-4, 6-4, 6-7(1), 6-3; Moutet (Fra) bt Cachin (Arg) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; 5-Ruud (Nor) bt 29-Paul (USA) 7-6(3), 6-7(5), 7-6 (2), 5-7, 6-0.
Women: 21-Kvitova (Cze) bt 9-Muguruza (Esp) 5-7, 6-3, 7-6(12-10); Shuai (Chn) bt Marino (Can) 6-2, 6-4; 12-Gauff (USA) bt 20-Keys (USA) 6-2, 6-3; 17-Garcia (Fra) bt Andreescu (Can) 6-3, 6-2; 29-Riske-Amritraj (USA) bt Wang (Chn) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; 18-Kudermetova bt Galfi (Hun) 6-2, 6-0; Samsonova bt Krunic (Srb) 6-3, 6-3; Tomljanovic (Aus) bt Serena (USA) 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-1.

BEING SERENA

23	Grand Slam singles titles
14	Grand Slam doubles titles
2	Grand Slam mixed doubles titles
4	Olympic gold medals (three in doubles and one in singles)
10	Grand Slam singles titles won after turning 30, an Open Era record
367	match-wins at Majors, a record for a woman
73	WTA Tour titles
5	WTA Finals crowns

THE LAST DANCE?

- I could go on and on... but I honestly am so grateful that I had this moment – and that I'm Serena
- It's been a fun ride. It's been the most incredible ride and journey I've ever been on in my life
- I feel like I really brought something, and bring something, to tennis. The different looks. The fist pumps. The just crazy intensity. Passion, I think, is a really good word
- I'm ready to be a mom, explore a different version of Serena. Technically, I'm still super young, so I want to have a little bit of a life while I'm still walking
- In my career, I've never given up. In matches, I don't give up. Definitely wasn't giving up tonight
- I don't think so, but you never know. I always did love Australia
  SERENA
  when asked if she might reconsider walking away from the sport
- I wouldn't be Serena if there wasn't Venus, so thank you, Venus. She's the only reason that Serena ever existed
- It all started with my parents. They deserve everything

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Weeks spent as World No. 1, only behind Graf (377) and Navratilova (332)

SALUTING SERENA

She is an all-time great. Obviously, that's an understatement
MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

Serena, you're literally the greatest on and off the court. Thank you for inspiring all of us to pursue our dreams
TIGER WOODS

How lucky were we to be able to watch a young girl from Compton grow up to become one of the greatest athletes of all time
MICHELLE OBAMA

Sport inspires society to push limits & achieve the impossible. Congratulations on an inspiring career
SACHIN TENDULKAR

It is because of you I believe in this dream. The impact you've had on me goes beyond words and for that I say thank you, GOAT
COCO GAUFF

Everyone looks at her and tries to be like Serena. And I'm sure that's going to be for years to come
CAROLINE GARCIA

Her incredible career made its mark on tennis history. And yet her greatest contributions may be yet to come
BILLIE JEAN KING

THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME
SANIA MIRZA

India and Pakistan line up for another riveting contest

Openers Rohit and Rahul's form a concern for Men in Blue; Suryakumar the biggest threat to Babar's men

ASIA CUP

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

Ravindra Jadeja played his part in India's victory over Pakistan in their Asia Cup Group 'A' clash here a few days ago. When the sides meet once again on Sunday, this time in the Super 4, India will be hampered by the absence of an injured Jadeja.

Apart from his tidy left-arm spin, Jadeja brought value as a flexible batter. The southpaw was promoted to No. 4 in the Pakistan clash to counter spinners Shadab Khan and Mohammad Nawaz. The move worked, as Jadeja, alongside Hardik Pandya, took India home.

In Axar Patel, India has a like-for-like replacement. Axar must hit the ground running for India to succeed in the Super 4.

India must fill a couple of surface cracks. The openers, Rohit Sharma and K.L. Rahul, have struggled in the two matches of this tournament.

While Rohit has made scores of 12 and 21 against Pakistan and Hong Kong respectively, Rahul was sent back for a golden duck by Pakistan speedster Naseem Shah. Rahul's tortured 39-ball 36 against Hong Kong reflected his lack of confidence. Rahul could take the opposite approach in this outing by blasting his way into some form.

Not in top gear yet

Virat Kohli got an unbeaten 59, but his circumspect style suggested that he is not back in top gear yet.

Big things will be expected from Suryakumar Yadav who went berserk in the Hong Kong game with an unbeaten 26-ball 68. Suryakumar, cleaned up by Naseem for 18 in the earlier game, will pose the biggest threat for Pakistan.

All-rounder Hardik, rested for the Hong Kong encounter, will likely return to the eleven. He will take great confidence from his 'man-of-the-match' performance against Pakistan, where he picked up three wickets and held the chase together with an unbeaten 33.

Fast bowlers Avesh Khan and Arshdeep Singh, who have gone at a tournament economy rate of 12 and 9.82 respectively, must find the right lengths.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar has led the attack admirably, returning a four wicket haul against Pakistan while keeping the runs in check.

Pakistan, meanwhile, enters this fixture on the back of a huge 155-run win over Hong Kong. Spinners Shadab and Nawaz took seven wickets between them, as Hong Kong was shot out for 38.

The batting clicked as well, with Mohammad Rizwan and Fakhar Zaman recording fifties. Khushdil Shah displayed brutal aggression in his rapid 15-ball 35 to end the innings.

Speedster Shahnawaz Dahani will not be available for Sunday's match due to a suspected side strain.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh, Avesh Khan.

Pakistan: Babar Azam (Capt.), Shadab Khan, Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Iftikhar Ahmed, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan, Naseem Shah, Usman Qadir, Mohammad Hasnain and Hasan Ali.

Man-of-the-moment: Suryakumar will look to carry on with his rich vein of form. • GETTY IMAGES

TODAY'S MATCH
SUPER 4
India vs. **Pakistan**
Dubai, 7:30 p.m. IST

'Don't want to rule Jadeja out or in for T20 WC'

Part of job to manage injury: Dravid

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

India head coach Rahul Dravid stated that it is too early to rule an injured Ravindra Jadeja out of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Jadeja, who sustained a knee injury, will take no further part in the Asia Cup.

"Jadeja is obviously ruled out of the Asia Cup. He is under the care of the medical team. He will see the doctors and experts. The World Cup is a fair way away, so we don't want to jump to any conclusions and rule him out or in. It's part of sport; people get injured. It's part of our job to manage how it goes. A lot will depend on his rehab and the severity of the injury. I don't want to rule him out or make too many comments until we get a clearer picture," Dravid said in a press conference here on Saturday.

Dravid added that fast bowler Avesh Khan is "under the weather with a little bit of fever". "Avesh is not at practice today, but hopefully it is not too serious and he is okay for the match tomorrow," Dravid said.

Challenging wickets

Asked if the Indian top-order batters have bought into the team philosophy of playing attacking cricket, Dravid said, "Everyone has bought into it. We have talked about playing positive cricket, but also being smart.

"It's about ensuring that you get par-plus scores, depending on what par is on that particular pitch and conditions. We don't want to be a team that falls below par. We've had some challenging wickets in this tournament; probably not 200-run wickets."

Sri Lanka subdues Afghanistan

AYAN ACHARYA
SHARJAH

Rahmanullah Gurbaz's 45-ball 84 (4x4, 6x6) was overshadowed by cameos from Bhanuka Rajapaksa (31, 14b, 4x4, 1x6) and Danushka Gunathilaka (33, 20b, 2x4, 2x6) and good death-bowling as Sri Lanka beat Afghanistan by four wickets in the Super 4 stage of the Asia Cup on Saturday.

Chasing 176, Sri Lanka was 82 for two after 10 overs and 127 for four after 15. Needing 49 off 30, Rajapaksa targeted Naveen-ul-Haq in the 16th over, hitting two fours and a six. He enjoyed a slice of luck when he was dropped in the same over. It proved costly.

Earlier, the Islanders raced to 57 for no loss after six overs. However, Mendis was caught off Naveen in the next over. Pathum Nissanka hung around before falling to Mujeeb ur Rehman (2/30).

When Charith Asalanka inside-edged Mohammad Nabi onto his stumps, there was a momentum shift. But some ordinary ground fielding, allied with poor catching, revived Sri Lanka.

Fist of fury: Gurbaz blitz wasn't enough for Afghanistan. • AP

Opener Gurbaz took Afghanistan to 49 for one after the first six overs. Gurbaz got a reprieve when he was caught at long-on off Maheesh Theekshana in the third over, but the fielder's foot had touched the boundary. Gurbaz was on nine at the time and raced to 50 off 22 balls. However, Afghanistan lost five wickets for 37 in the last five overs, which proved decisive.

The scores: Afghanistan 175/6 in 20 overs (Rahmanullah Gurbaz 84, Ibrahim Zadran 40) lost to Sri Lanka 179/6 in 19.1 overs (Pathum Nissanka 35, Kusal Mendis 36, Danushka Gunathilaka 33, Bhanuka Rajapaksa 31).

Toss: Sri Lanka; **MoM:** Gurbaz.

Villa fights back for a draw against City

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Erling Haaland extended his remarkable start to life in the Premier League, but Manchester City was held to a 1-1 draw after Leon Bailey snatched a late equaliser for struggling Aston Villa on Saturday.

Earlier, Liverpool was denied another injury-time winner when Mohamed Salah's shot hit the post in the 95th minute as an entertaining Merseyside derby against Everton somehow ended in a 0-0 draw on Saturday.

Everton had earlier been denied a goal by VAR.

Statement win

Rafael Leao fired AC Milan to a Serie A title statement win with his brace in Saturday's 3-2 derby triumph over Inter Milan lifting his team top of the pile. Portugal winger Leao struck twice in each half for the champion in a pulsating clash at the San Siro which put Milan a point ahead of Atalanta and Roma at the summit.

The results:

Premier League: Everton 0 drew with Liverpool 0; Brentford 5 (Toney 30-pen, 43, 58, Mbeumo 80, Wissa 90) bt Leeds 2 (Sinisterra 45, Roca 79); Chelsea 2 (Chilwell 76, Havertz 88) bt West Ham 1 (Antonio 62); Newcastle 0 drew with Crystal Palace 0; Nottingham Forest 2 (Kouyate 33, Johnson 45-pen) lost to Bournemouth 3 (Billing 51, Solanke 63, Anthony 87); Tottenham 2 (Hojbjerg 40, Kane 75) bt Fulham 1 (Mitrovic 83); Wolves 1 (Podence 45) bt Southampton 0; Aston Villa 1 (Bailey 74) drew with Manchester City 1 (Haaland 50).

Serie A: Fiorentina 1 (Kouame 29) drew with Juventus 1 (Milik 9); AC Milan 3 (Leao 28, 60, Giroud 54) bt Inter Milan 2 (Brozovic 21, Dzeko 67).

Heartbreaker: Bailey celebrates after scoring Villa's equaliser against City. • REUTERS

La Liga: Real Madrid 2 (Vinicius 9, Rodrygo 65) bt Real Betis 1 (Canales 17); Real Sociedad 1 (Sadiq 55) drew with Atletico Madrid 1 (Morata 5).

Bundesliga: Union Berlin 1 (Becker 12) drew with Bayern Munich 1 (Kimmich 15); Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Demirbay 16, Schick 65) lost to Freiburg 3 (Ginter 48, Gregoritsch 51, Doan 72).

On Friday: Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund 1 (Reus 16) bt Hoffenheim 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.
Formula 1: Dutch GP: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.
Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Ultimate Kho Kho: Sony Ten 1 & 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.
US Open: Sony Ten 2 & Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Verstappen grabs pole

ZANDVOORT (NETHERLANDS)

Max Verstappen claimed a pulsating late pole position for Red Bull with a dramatic final lap at his home Dutch Grand Prix on Saturday, outpacing Ferrari's Charles Leclerc by two-hundredths of a second. Leclerc's teammate Carlos Sainz was third. AFP

Yoddhas cut Giants to size, enter final

PUNE

Telugu Yoddhas secured a place in the final of the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho with a commanding 67-44 victory against Gujarat Giants on Saturday. Yoddhas will take on Odisha Juggernauts in the final on Sunday. PTI

Patidar, Abhimanyu hundreds thwart visitors

The MP batter, unbeaten on 170, looks set to pile on the runs in the company of Tilak as the hosts reach 492 for four

NZ-A IN INDIA

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
BENGALURU

Rajat Patidar's affair with the Garden City continues. His return to the friendly wicket at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium –after making a hundred that helped Madhya Pradesh win the Ranji Trophy final against Mumbai back in June –proved a memorable one on Saturday. His unbeaten 170 (241b, 383min, 14x4, 4x6) helped India-A reach 492 for four, in reply to New Zealand-A's 400, at stumps on day three of the first 'Test'.

Patidar wasn't the only century-maker for the host. Opener Abhimanyu Easwaran, who resumed at the overnight 87 not out and his side 156 for one, went on to score a pleasing 132 (194b, 290min, 13x4, 1x6). His drives on the off-side were especially lovely to watch.

Before he was bowled by left-arm wrist-spinner Michael Rippon, he had added 104 for the fourth wicket with Patidar.

That partnership ensured the visitors could not build on the early breakthrough, when they had Ruturaj Gaikwad stumped by Cam Fletcher off the orthodox left-arm spinner Rachin Ravindra in the day's second over.

New Zealand-A could take only one more wicket, that of Sarfaraz Khan, caught behind off seamer Jacob Duffy for 36. For the prolific Mumbai batter with the astonishing average, it didn't prove a profitable return to the crease here. And this was his lowest score in his last four First Class matches (after 153, 40 & 59 not out, 134 & 45).

In full flow: Abhimanyu was at his fluent best, while Patidar continued his love affair with the venue. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Costly drop

Patidar also reached the middle with as impressive a sequence of scores, which began with that sensational 54-ball 112 not out for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL eliminator against Lucknow Super Giants.

On this day, he showed how he could drop anchor and yet keep the scoreboard moving, as he made most of a dropped catch, when he was on 13.

Walking alongside him back to the dressing room at close of play was Tilak Varma, who also had a great IPL season, with Mumbai Indians. The impressive 19-year-old is batting on 82 (132b, 5x4, 5x6); his unfinished fifth-wicket stand with Patidar is so far worth 167.

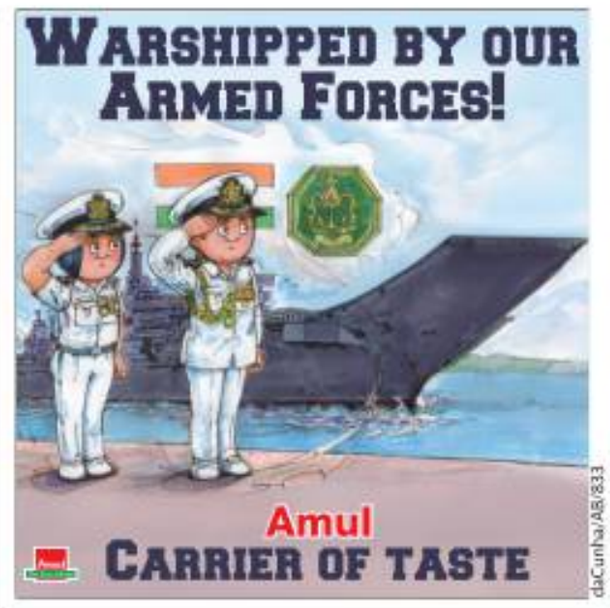
The scores:

New Zealand-A — 1st innings: 400.

India-A — 1st innings: Priyank Panchal c O'Donnell b Ravindra 47, Abhimanyu Easwaran b Rippon 132, Ruturaj Gaikwad st Fletcher b Ravindra 21, Rajat Patidar (batting) 170, Sarfaraz Khan c Fletcher b Duffy 36, Tilak Varma (batting) 82; Extras (b-2, lb-1, w-1): 4; Total (for four wkts. in 124 overs): 492.

Fall of wickets: 1-123, 2-157, 3-261, 4-325.

New Zealand-A bowling: Duffy 20-4-73-1, van Beek 19-2-72-0, Solia 15-1-60-0, Ravindra 29-3-96-2, Rippon 22-1-101-1, Walker 16-0-81-0, O'Donnell 3-0-6-0.



I am enjoying my batting: Patidar

Says he doesn't think of things that are not in his control

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Rajat Patidar wants to play for India in all three formats. On Saturday at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, he gave yet another display of his prowess in red-ball cricket.

He was not out on 170 at stumps on the third day of the first 'Test' between India-A and New Zealand-A. And this is his maiden innings for India-A.

He must be hoping to convert it into an even bigger innings on the final day. "The wicket is good for batting, though it's a bit slow and double-paced," he said.

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"Our bowlers really did well here, to get them all-out on a batting wicket."

Patidar said he was enjoying his batting and wasn't thinking too much about other things, like how important this season could be for him, following his success in the IPL and First Class cricket.

"I am enjoying my batting and I am enjoying my shots," he said. "I don't think of things that are not in my control."

Lara to take over as SRH head coach

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

West Indies cricket legend Brian Lara will be head coach of Sunrisers Hyderabad for the 2023 Indian Premier League season.

This was formally announced by the team management on Saturday, a day after Tom Moody quit the post. For the record, Lara was SRH strategic advisor and batting coach last season.

Punjab Kings is set to sign World Cup-winning coach Trevor Bayliss as the head coach ahead of the 2023 IPL with expectation that the Australian guides them to the elusive title.

The 59-year-old most recently coached Sunrisers.

Fifth title of season for Yuki-Myneni

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni won the €45,730 Rafa Nadal Open Challenger tennis in Manacor, Spain, on Saturday beating Marek Gengel and Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-2 in the final.

It was the fifth Challenger title for the season for Yuki and Myneni as a pair. They had also won the ITF titles in Bhopal and Delhi. Myneni is set to break into the top-100 in doubles ranking.

Other results: $25,000 ITF men, Setubal, Portugal: Doubles: Semifinals: Fabio Coelho & Jaime Faria (Por) w/o Elliot Benchetrit (Mar) & Sasikumar Mukund.

$15,000 ITF, Monastir: Men: Semifinals: Constantin Bittoun Kouzmine (Fra) bt Rishab Agarwal 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles: Semifinals: Anis Ghorbel & Aziz Ouakaa (Tun) bt Bharath Kumaran & Karan Singh 6-3, 6-3.

Women: Doubles: Final: Honoka Kobayashi (Jpn) & Jennifer Luikham bt Anastasia Iamachkine (Per) & Teja Tirunelveli (US) 6-3, 0-6, [10-5].

$15,000 ITF men, Daegu, Korea: Doubles: Final: Cheong-Eui Kim & Jea Moon Lee (Kor) bt Palaphoom Kovapitukted (Tha) & Adil Kalyanpur 6-7(7), 6-4, [10-8].

On a roll: Yuki and Myneni with their winnings. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Zimbabwe stuns Australia

Burl five-for has the hosts in a spin

ZIMBABWE IN AUS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TOWNSWILLE

Zimbabwe stunned a nearly full-strength Australia by three wickets to claim a historic victory in the third One-Day International here on Saturday.

After leg-spinner Ryan Burl (five for 10) played a starring role in dismissing the hosts for a lowly 141, Zimbabwe overcame a wobbly chase and posted a first victory in Australia when it overhauled the target in the 39th over.

It was a consolation win for Zimbabwe to conclude the three-match series.

Only two home team batters reached double figures, with star opener David Warner (94) playing a lone hand in Australia's innings lasting just 31 overs.

Burl claimed five wickets in a whirlwind 18-ball spell, starting with the key scalp of Glenn Maxwell, who helped rebuild the innings with a half-century partnership alongside Warner.

Burl then got on a roll in his career-best performance, including dismissing Warner, who fell just short of his 19th ODI century. Zimbabwe bowled out Australia for the first time in ODIs.

Burl took over after Warner's knock. • AFP

The scores: Australia 141 in 31 overs (David Warner 94; Ryan Burl 5/10) lost to Zimbabwe 142/7 in 39 overs (Tadiwanashe Marumani 35, Regis Chakabva 37 n.o.; Josh Hazlewood 3/30). **Toss:** Zimbabwe; **MoM:** Burl; **MoS:** Adam Zampa.

Zimbabwe won by three wickets with 11 overs to spare; Australia won three-match series 2-1.

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(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Construction / Remodelling of Primary, Secondary Drains, Culverts / Bridges and all other allied Works of SWD Spread Out at various locations in Layout Chickpet Assembly Constituency in Koramangala Valley under GOK Grants 2022-23 Package-01, **Action Plan Sl.No. 180, 181, 182, 186, 187 and 190 - (CALL-2).**	832.00	**Rs. 12.48 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Payment and **Rs. 11.48 Lakhs** Balance in form of BG

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Date of Pre-Bid Meeting on **06-09-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Last Date for Submission of Bid Document: **13-09-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **14-09-2022, 16.31 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD, Koramangala Valley, BBMP.

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No. : F-8( )/RMSC/EPM/M-4/NIB-648/2022-23/1170 Date : 30/08/2022

NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for Item Infusion Pump are invited from interested bidders up to Date 19.09.2022; 06:00 p.m. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on procurement portal website https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in" or " www.dipronline.org" or http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or website "http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in"

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Executive Director (EPM)
RMSCL, Jaipur
Raj/Sarwad/C/7114/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System-Only through e-procurement Portal)

No. KPCL/2022-23/Ind 5997/Call-2 Date: 29-08-2022

Sealed bids in two parts system are invited through GOK e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from reputed Manufacturers / Authorised Dealers / Suppliers for **" Supply of HT Motors of 6.6kV voltage class for RTPS as per annexure-1 and HT Motors of 3.3/11kV voltage class for YTPS-RPCL as per annexure-2 " The details of NIT can be seen and bid documents can be downloaded from the above GOK e-portal.** Further details can be had from the office of: The Chief Engineer (Thermal Designs), KPCL, #3, 2nd Floor, Green Building, (Drugs Control Department Premises), Palace Road, Bengaluru 560001. Mobile:9449596598 e-mail:cetdkpcl@karnataka.gov.in

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XXIV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH – 6)
O.S. NO. 30/2022

PLAINTIFF : Karnataka Housing Board, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru – 560 009, Represented by its Assistant Executive Engineer. **VS**

DEFENDANT : Sri. J Somashekar and Ors.

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NOS. 3 AND 4 THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To: 1. Sri. R Vinay Ramesh, S/o. Late Ramesh Babu, Aged about 36 years, R/at No. D-16, Customs and Central Excise Staff Quarters, BTM 2nd Stage, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru – 68.
...**DEFENDANT NO. 3**

2. Sri. Vindhya Ramesh, D/o. Late Ramesh Babu, Aged about 32 years, R/at No. D-16, Customs and Central Excise Staff Quarters, BTM 2nd Stage, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru – 68.
...**DEFENDANT No. 4**

Whereas, the Plaintiff above named has instituted a suit against you for inter-alia cancellation of Sale Deed dated 28/05/2018 and cancellation of release deed dated 03/07/2017 with respect to the Schedule Property as shown in the Schedule hereunder.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court **on 20/09/2022 at 11:00 AM** in person or through advocate/pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

All that piece and parcel of Municipal HIG Site/House No. 1006, situated at 'A' Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West (27.90 + 27.60)/2 meters or 90 feet and North to South (17.20 + 19.20)/2 meters or 60 feet, totally measuring 505.05 square meters or 5400 square feet, and bounded on: **East By:** Road, **West By:** Site No. 1005, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Site No. 1007.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this **25th day of August, 2022.**

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff
MYTHILI GIRISH,
Pragati Law Chambers, 5A, Bharat Apartments, #44/1, Fairfield Layout, Race Course Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

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No.KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/M.Equip/350/2022-23 Date: 02.09.2022

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Online Tenders are invited in **TWO Bid** System for the supply of following items through GOK e-Procurement.

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Equipment / Works
1.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/M. Equip/350/2022-23 dated: 02.09.2022.	Procurement of ABG Machines – 2 Nos. to KMIO.,
2.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CW/351/2022-23 dated: 02.09.2022.	Construction of Connecting Bridge between Infosys OPD & Sri. Manjunatheswara Block at KMIO.,
3.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CW/352/2022-23 dated: 02.09.2022.	Conversion of Old Medical OPD to Rooms for Resident Medical Officer, Nursing Superintendent Gr.I, II & Staff Nurses, Public Relations Officer Section at KMIO.,
4.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CW/353/2022-23 dated: 02.09.2022.	Construction of Faculty Halls for Micro Biology & Biochemistry Department at Terrace Floor of Main Block at KMIO.

The Bid Document will be available in online from **06.09.2022 to 05.10.2022.** Bidders can view and download the Bid Document from the **Website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Bids have to be submitted through e-Procurement Portal and **Rs.500/-** as e-procurement Portal fees The last date and time of Receipt of Bid through e-Procurement Portal is **05.10.2022 at 3:00 p.m.** Tender accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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Sd/- Director

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